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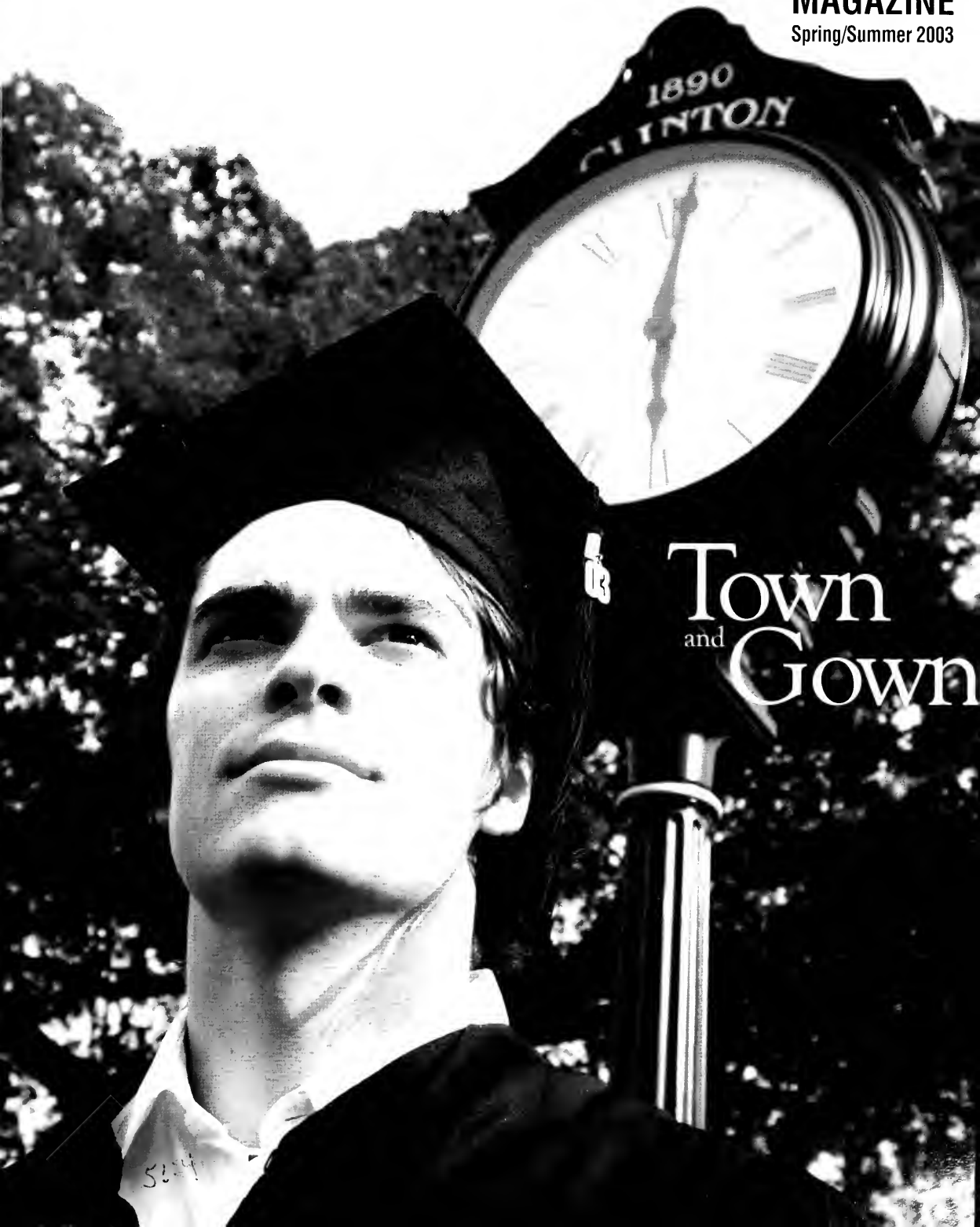
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Message

from the President



Dear PC Family,

The health of any entity can be measured at least in part by the strength of its foundation. We often think of "foundations" in terms of heritage and central values. For Presbyterian College, much of its foundation is inextricably entwined with the history and strengths of the City of Clinton. Indeed, the case could be made that the College and City are essential to each other's well being.

From the earliest days, the leading families of Clinton, the Baileys, the Jacobs, the Youngs, the Copelands, the Adairs, and a host of other Clinton families understood that PC was an essential part of their future. They worked hard to see to it that the College would flourish. During times of prosperity, they were generous with the College and shared their resources to help address strategic needs.

Today, Clinton and Laurens County are suffering from the loss of industry and a resulting loss of jobs. PC is now one of the leading employers in the City and County. Our trustees have joined me and our faculty and administration in a broad commitment to lend our current strength to assist with the priorities for rebuilding our community.

This is not only the right thing to do, it is also good business.

Our future depends in part on the strength of the community in which we live, work, and play. It is also the best way I know of saying thank you for what generations of Clintonians have done for us. PC is committed to helping make Clinton the very best community for the sake of our employees, our students, and all the citizens of our area. We explore some of these matters in this issue of the PC Magazine.

We invite your comments, ideas, and involvement in this important area of our work.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John V. Griffith". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John V. Griffith
President, Presbyterian College

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Ben Thomas, PC's 2003 Outstanding Senior, and other PC students have joined faculty, staff, and all Clintonians in looking toward a bright future for Town & Gown relations. Photo by Steve Owens

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PC grads reminded to stay focused and live a life of service

As more than 250 members of Presbyterian College's graduating class pondered the past four years and anticipated the future, they were reminded by outstanding senior Ben Thomas that great talents are often watered down by mediocrity.

Thomas, speaking to his fellow graduates on the West Plaza during PC's 120th commencement, encouraged all to fully examine their lives and to remain focused on what is important to them.

"It's not pessimism but honesty to realize that many of our passions are lost to trivialities," he said.

In an enthusiastic call to service, Thomas said people should be passionate about truth, love, justice, and sincerity — "all the things that rightly move the heart."

Thomas' sentiments were echoed by Dr. Bob Hudson, the Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology and this year's choice as PC's Professor of the Year. Hudson asked graduates to reflect on their own choices.

"Your life is a product of the many small choices you've made," he said. "It is the summation of those choices, rather than any one event."

Each choice, however small, plots a path into the future, Hudson said, and each person must ask if they are going to choose to give of themselves or take for themselves — to be selfish or selfless.

"It's whether or not you'll be making a living or making a life," he said.

Presbyterian College conferred honorary degrees on two business leaders who have made lasting impacts on the college.

George H. Cornelson IV of Clinton, a trustee of the college and chairman of the Bailey Foundation, accepted the honorary doctor of humane letters degree. He is the former president and chief executive officer of Clinton Mills, Inc., and is a former director and executive committee member of the Bailey Bank.

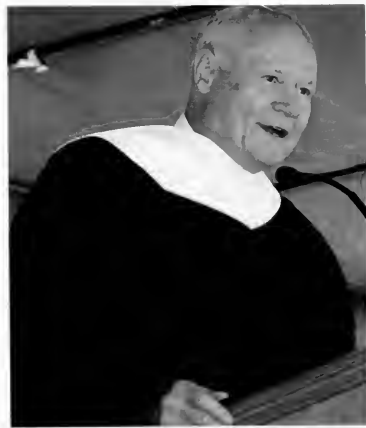
In 2001, Cornelson joined other members of the Bailey family as the Bailey Foundation was presented the first Presbyterian College Medallion as a PC Laureate.

"This honor truly is a highlight of my life," Cornelson said of his honorary degree. "As a young man, I started playing football on this mall where you are now, and living in Clinton most of my life. I can't say what this honor means."

Pierce Merry, Jr., of Augusta, Ga., a former trustee and chairman of executive officer



Pierce Merry, Jr.



George H. Cornelson IV

and chairman of the board of Boral Bricks, Inc. was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree.

In his role as a Presbyterian College trustee from 1988 to 2002, Merry made building and growing a special priority, serving as chairman of the college's physical development committee and helping develop architectural and design standards for the PC campus.

The commencement ceremony was held barely 12 hours after the Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence, assistant professor of preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., and the college's baccalaureate speaker, encouraged members of Class of 2003 to examine everything they were packing from their four years in Clinton.

More precisely, she told the graduates in Belk Auditorium, they should examine what those items may represent to them.

"The boxes you take from PC will mean more to you than anyone else. I daresay you won't even be able to sell them at a yard sale," Dr. Florence said.

Dr. Florence referenced Mark's gospel in which an anonymous woman breaks open her alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil at the Mount of Olives and anoints Jesus' head.

"Jesus defended the woman because she anointed his body for burial," she said. "The oil in the jar was not the oil of life. It was the oil of death — her death."

She added that too many people keep their alabaster jars full.

"I've been thinking a lot about what's in those alabaster jars — all the burdens, all the secrets, all the voices that whisper in our heads. I've been thinking about those things and how much they cost us in lost sleep and in worrying," Dr. Florence said. "Breaking open that alabaster jar is like breaking the things that haunt you.... You have to want that. You have to sweat for that.

"You don't have to take everything with you. Just keep the things that give you life and leave everything else behind," she said. "That's what growing is. You get to do it your whole life. You get to break a lot of alabaster jars, and everytime you do it Jesus is right there with you."

Commencement weekend opened with the ROTC Hall of Fame Induction and Commissioning Ceremony in Edmunds Hall.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps program also paid homage to one of its best former cadets by inducting the late Lt. Col. George D. "Marty" Martin III into the PC ROTC Hall of Fame.

Martin, a native of Hopkins, S.C., graduated from PC in 1983 with a degree in sociology and played football for the Blue Hose under former head coach Cally Gault.

He died in a helicopter crash in southeast Asia in 2001 as part of Operation Full Accounting. He was prepared to command a detachment to locate the remains of missing American soldiers still unaccounted for after the Vietnam War.

Members of Martin's family, including his parents and his widow, Susan, and their two daughters, Jessie and Katie, were in attendance at the ceremony. Susan Martin said her husband would have been honored not only to be a member of the Hall of Fame but also would have enjoyed the opportunity to meet the newly-commissioned officers who follow in his footsteps.

"He also would've enjoyed being back on campus with his daughters," Susan Martin said. "This is the first time they've ever been here."

Among the cadets commissioned from the Scottish Highlander Battalion was Jennifer K. Austin, a member of PC's Class of 2003. Austin, the cadet battalion commander for the Scottish Highlander Battalion, was also



the recipient of the Wysor Saber as the unit's top cadet. After receiving the award named for the late Robert C. Wysor Jr., a professor of military science at PC, Austin said her first hint at joining the military came as an elementary school student riding on an Army base with her father, a retired colonel.

"I used to play with my father's saber," she said. "Now I get one of my own."

Smiles were abundant as PC's Class of 2003 graduated on May 10. Above, (left to right) Jennifer Dominicy of Tifton, Ga., Emily Cook of Montgomery, Ala., and Tara Douce of Tifton, Ga., share a final hug on the West Plaza following the ceremony. At right, the Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence delivers the baccalaureate address in Belk Auditorium.



Board of Trustees attends dedication of Senior Hall

As she addressed the Presbyterian College Board of Trustees in late February, Sally Branham summed up the experiences of Senior Hall's inaugural residents with a memorable quote.

"The young graduate," she said, "is discovering that among the necessities of life, the most important is living."

That quote from an anonymous source could have been penned by any of the 70 residents of Senior Hall. The residence hall, which opened at the beginning of the 2002-03 academic year, was dedicated as part of the spring meeting of the PC Board of Trustees.

Senior Hall resident David Turner played a piano in the lobby to welcome the board members, who visited each floor and were greeted in the apartment-style suites for tours. Senior Hall residents also prepared refreshments for the visitors.

Branham and fellow senior Preston Davis publicly thanked board members for making the building a reality. Davis offered a dedicatory prayer, while Branham accepted the hall on behalf of the PC community. She stated that the building's location and living-learning programming has made a positive impact on both the residents and the entire campus community.

"Even though living here has granted us lots of freedom that is restrained in normal dorm life, the location of the building still makes it possible for us to walk to class and still feel very much a part of campus — something I feel the townhouses or other off-campus housing re-

stricts," Branham said. "We also still have hall programs that bring together the entire building and make an effort to teach us things that are fundamental to being a senior in college. From political debates to a progressive dinner, we've tried to make the environment inviting and cohesive for everyone involved, from residents of the Senior Hall to the entire campus.

"Most importantly, though, many friendships have been formed that I don't believe would have been so closely-knit if it hadn't been for living in this building. These friendships will maintain long after May, and I'd like to think the other residents feel this way as well. Although our time here at PC is almost over, I can confidently say that this last year has been the best one I've had since entering four short years ago."

Branham and Davis were joined in the ribbon-cutting ceremony by board chairman Ron Allen, as well as William and Ernestine Gilliam. Mr. Gilliam serves as chair of the board's physical development committee.

During its two-day meeting on campus, the board also approved a tentative operating budget for the 2003-04 fiscal year, honored four PC faculty members, and welcomed five new board members.

"The board was faced with a number of issues during this meeting and remained steadfast in its commitment to assure that PC will continue to offer a first-rate academic program — with the proper faculty and facilities to support that program," PC President John Griffith said. "Trustees also had an opportunity to interact for two days with our students. Speaking with such remarkable young people reaffirmed the board's commitment to the future of Presbyterian College."

The 2003-04 budget, which assumes total operating revenue of more than \$36 million, is

based on such variables as freshman class size, total enrollment, endowment, and giving. The budget committee will revise the budget in September after enrollment figures are known, and will present it to the board during the fall meeting for final approval.

Four faculty members were granted tenure or promotions. They are:

- Meredith Holder, associate professor of business administration, who was promoted to professor of business administration. A 1975 alumna of Presbyterian College, she earned her M.Acc. from the University of South Carolina. Holder joined the PC faculty in 1986 and was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor in 1992.
- Sam Howell, associate professor of business administration, who was promoted to professor of business administration. A 1974 alumna of Presbyterian College, Howell received his M.Acc. from the University of South Carolina. He joined the PC faculty in 1980 and was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor in 1984. He served for eight years as chair of his department.
- Jonathan Smith, assistant professor of political science, who was promoted to associate professor of political science and granted tenure following an interview with the academic affairs committee. Dr. Smith, who joined the PC faculty in 1997, received his undergraduate degree from Francis Marion University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He also serves as PC's pre-law advisor
- Rick Heiser, associate professor of history, who was granted tenure following an interview with the academic affairs committee. He joined the PC faculty in 1999 after spending nine years on the faculty at Nyack College, from which he received his undergraduate degrees. Dr. Heiser earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from Florida State University.

The board appointed Dr. Richard Baker, associate professor of philosophy, as chair of the department of religion and philosophy. He succeeds Dr. Peter Hobbie, who served as chair for nine years. Dr. Robert Freymeyer, professor sociology, was reappointed to a four-year term as chair of his department. Dr. Freymeyer has served as chair of the sociology department since 1989.

Mitchell Spearman '03 from Saluda, S.C., who has served as president of the student body and student representative to the board of trustees for the past two years, was honored with a resolution recognizing his contributions to the college.



Those who attended the ceremony to dedicate Senior Hall — PC's newest residential facility — were (left to right) Ernestine Gilliam, trustee chairman Ron Allen, and students Sally Branham and Preston Davis.

Promise & Challenge Campaign launches take to the road

PC's faculty, staff, and students hit the road this spring, taking part in regional launches for the Promise and the Challenge Campaign — events made possible with the assistance of area host committees.

"I think the launches were a great success. We had very good attendance," said Geneva Kelly, vice president for advancement. "Everyone is very proud of their college. The launches reminded us how unique and special PC is — and how close the PC family really is."

The launches brought together alumni, parents, and friends to learn more about the goals of the Promise and the Challenge Campaign.

As trustee Bill Sibley, Jr. said May 15 in Greenville, S.C., the evening was an opportunity to "celebrate our rich heritage and focus our energies on claiming a future for PC that is essential, clearly defined, and attainable."

Fundraising to support construction of the new science building and the renovation of Richardson Hall remains a vital priority this summer. Meeting annual fund goals by July 1 and endowing professorships and student scholarships are also important priorities during this phase of the campaign.

Plans are also being made to expand the launches beyond the Carolinas and Georgia. Alumni and friends along the east coast may stay informed about new events and campaign news on the Promise and the Challenge Campaign website at www.presby.edu/campaign. The site also allows visitors to make a gift online.

At right, guests mingle with faculty and staff at the Poinsett Club in Greenville, S.C., during a regional lunch for the Promise and the Challenge Campaign.



Public safety office is smallest in state to become accredited

Like the students they serve, PC's public safety officers are not immune from important exams. And, like those students, they recognize the thrill of receiving a superb grade.

The college's office of public safety has completed the final step to becoming the smallest staff in South Carolina — and the only one at a private college or university — to attain accreditation through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The PC

department, represented by director of public safety Larry Mulhall, Lt. Jackie Turner, and vice president for finance and administration Morris Galloway, was recognized for its accomplishment on May 29 in Columbia, S.C.

"This honor is the result of hard work on behalf of many people," said Larry Mulhall, director of public safety. "We have a great staff here that not only relates well to students, faculty, and staff, but adheres to strict policy guidelines. For an office of this size to be accredited speaks volumes about their work ethic and professionalism."

PC's Office of Public Safety underwent an on-site assessment last fall as part of the process.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation program is an initiative of the

South Carolina Police Chiefs' Association and the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association. It is a voluntary program for professional improvement, fashioned in ways that best meet local needs while simultaneously expressing commitment to professional law enforcement practices.

The SCLCA program is designed to increase law enforcement agency capabilities, provide better departmental management by establishing precise written policies and procedures, increase agency effectiveness, provide access to the latest methods developed by experts in law enforcement, promote cooperation and coordination among law enforcement and with other agencies of the criminal justice system, and increase citizen and employee confidence in the practices of the agency.

Bob Hudson finds his place as a teacher and Professor of the Year

PC professor of biology Dr. Bob Hudson has a minor confession to make in the wake of being named the college's 2003 Professor of the Year — he only planned on staying here three or four years.

Today, some 28 years after joining the PC faculty, Hudson is as much a part of the campus environment as it is a part of him.

"PC was, and still is, the best place for us to be," Hudson said of himself and his wife, Linda. "The college is a genuine community of staff and faculty and students and we like the community atmosphere."

More importantly, PC has provided Hudson the stage to do what he really wants to do — teach.

"I get to teach what I want to teach," he said. "There is academic freedom. We have a strong biology program here and we have wonderful students. They're just great."

Get him started on the latter and Hudson finds it difficult to stop, giving testimony to his substantial rapport with the people who sit in his classrooms each semester.

"We have such a good, strong group of students at PC," he said. "I really enjoy our students."

And they enjoy Hudson in return — his trademark humor and enthusiasm nearly always at the forefront.

"What I feel, you see," he said. "I have to enjoy what I do. If I didn't enjoy it, you would know it right away. The humor comes naturally — I'm a little spastic, I guess — but it's fun to have that interaction with my students. It's very important for me to enjoy what I do. It's my calling, I guess."

Hudson said he also enjoys teaching at a church-related school where he has the freedom to explore the realms of science in a religious context.

"I have the freedom to be more holistic in my approach to teaching biology," he said.

And to think, the self-professed "country bumpkin" from North Carolina almost didn't make Clinton his permanent home. In fact, a younger Bob Hudson almost didn't consider it his home at all.

"I loved biology, though," he said. "I loved hanging out with the guys in the creek, wading and fishing. I loved studying life.

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of life a more practical pursuit. But the Campbell College graduate discovered something else as a graduate student at North Carolina State University.

There, he liked the interaction he had with undergraduate students and enjoyed teaching. So Hudson took that path and never looked back, taking as many courses in a variety of biology disciplines — ecology, zoology, and genetics — as he could to become a broad-based educator.

And then came a call from one of PC's most storied professors that set Hudson on the path to becoming Professor of the Year. The late Dr. Fred James, who passed away last summer after being named PC's 2002 Professor of the Year, called Hudson at home one weekend and left a message with a family member to see if he was interested in a job teaching in the college's biology department.

Hudson was indeed interested but, when he called James back, it didn't seem that James returned the enthusiasm. Imagine the possible finale had James not called back one more time.

"When he called me again, he told me that he was interviewing another applicant when we were on the phone together and didn't want to hurt his feelings," Hudson said. "This time, he was just bubbling and enthusiastic — the Fred James we all know.... By Wednesday, I had the job."

It's a job Hudson said he will hold on to until he no longer is able. And, as he contemplates his place in the history of PC and the professors who have been named Professor of the Year before him, he wonders aloud if he belongs.

"Those are legends," he said. "I'm really honored and humbled to be in their company."



Students who pass through Richardson Hall remember Dr. Bob Hudson's quick wit and ready smile. A generation of biology majors also remembers his dedication to training PC students.

PC helped develop life and career plans for outstanding senior

Maybe it was the wide-eyed stare of amazement coupled with the slack-jawed gaze of befuddlement.

Yes, that could've been a dead giveaway on at the Honors Day Convocation in April that Ben Thomas was a tad surprised when his name was called as 2003's Outstanding Senior. Even if you failed to notice, his confessed distress leaves no doubt that Thomas may considered himself in the running for PC's most prized student honor.

"I almost threw up," he said with a dose of brutal honesty. "I was shocked."

And thankful.

"I give all the glory to God," said Thomas. "I don't get — apart from his grace — how I could be named Outstanding Senior but I thank Him and I'm honored."

The ironic twist is that Thomas wasn't always so sure he would stick around to be a senior at all, much less an outstanding one.

"There were times when I wanted to drop out," he confessed. "My first few months, I didn't want to be here. But there have been so many ways that God has developed me. I went from being a scared little freshman who didn't know anything to someone who is a little less scared and someone who knows a little more.

"God has opened me up to embrace life and the people around me and he helped me stick it out."

Thomas said his experiences at PC, including several summer missions programs, also led him to consider a new future. Although he once planned



Ben Thomas addressed the Class of 2003 as PC's 2002-03 Outstanding Senior

to pursue a law degree, he now plans to become a physician — and not of the garden variety.

"I want to do medical missions," he said. "I'm planning to go to Nigeria for a year starting

this August or September and after that, eventually I hope to get to medical school. There is such a tendency towards being self-centered. I think we need to care about life and be servants."



South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford greeted four PC students at the State House during Independent College Week in April. Those attending from PC were (from left) Mitchell Spearman '03, Becca Wilson '04, Julianne Martin '04, and Barron Chisolm '06. The students visited the State House to thank legislators for supporting the S.C. Tuition Grants Program

College community experiences Iraq War from the homefront

The image on the Fox News Network video feed was striking — an Army soldier huddled in a shadowed ditch against enemy artillery fire was communicating via radio when a flash illuminated his helmet. Stenciled on his headgear was the name “Miletich.”

That image, for many at PC, brought the war in Iraq too close to home.

Just two years earlier, Matt Miletich stood on the Edmunds Hall stage accepting the Wysor Saber as the top cadet in the Scottish Highlander Battalion. He remained on campus that fall as a recruiter for the ROTC program.

But in April, Miletich was halfway around the world in Iraq doing his job. He was joined by a number of other PC alumni — Dan Lancaster '00, James Moore '95, Kurt Hartley '97, Anthony Losey '90, James Kennedy '88, Franklin Childress '82, and Charles Crane '81, among many others.

Freshman Ted Cossaart's first year at PC was interrupted in March when he was called to active duty. A week earlier, associate professor of political science Jonathan Smith — a naval reservist specializing in intelligence work — received his orders to report for duty at RAF Molesworth in the United Kingdom to support the commander of the U.S. European Command.

Smith entered the Navy in 1990, earning a commission at the Aviation Officer Candidate School. He has served in the U.S. Naval Reserve since 1993 and has participated in supporting Operation Joint Endeavor — the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina — and Operation Allied Force to liberate Kosovo.

At PC, Smith has had the opportunity to combine his military and academic experiences.

“My work in political science has made me a better intelligence officer and my work in intelligence has made me a better teacher. In terms of what I bring back to PC, I think I have a broader understanding of world affairs than I might otherwise because of what I do with my weekends,” Smith said. “I find it somewhat ironic that I have probably been of more use to my country as a ‘weekend warrior’ than I ever was as an active duty sailor.”

Smith added that working in military intelligence “is an interesting challenge, and my background is a natural fit. I suppose I would have done something different, but I felt that in the intelligence field where I could employ my skills, I could maximize my potential to make a difference, and I had a well-rounded academic and

military experience allows me to do that both for my country and my students.”

PC students also benefited during the Iraq War from Lt. Col. Mike Smith, who kept a daily journal and snapped photos as his unit moved into Iraq during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. His journal of reflections and photos from Kuwait and Iraq came in handy this spring when Smith met with students in the lobby of Senior Hall, giving them a better idea of what troops in 2003 were facing as they rolled into battle in the Middle East.

Smith summed up the program in one word. “Interest. The students showed a lot of interest in the conditions of soldier life,” Smith said. “I appreciated being included in forums available for the students.”

From sandstorms and burning oil wells to the possibility of ambushes by loyalists to Saddam Hussan, Smith's stories and photos gave students a dose of reality.

“The slide show put everything into perspective. It made it more personal. I had biases from

the media before the session,” said senior Karen Stockman, who had family members and friends participating in the war. “When you see things on television, you just get a clip of what's going on. (Smith) put a human face on it.”

Senior Alex Mark said the program also brought the war into focus for him.

“I felt very detached from (the war), very distant. I would see things on television and it really wouldn't have a big impact,” he said. “Once he showed pictures and said he was there, it made it more real. It made me pray a lot more for the people over there. It really opened my heart.”

Smith said the students' reactions reflected the overall approach to the war and the U.S. troops in Iraq.

“For the most part, the students, faculty, and staff were extremely patriotic and supportive of our troops. There were differing opinions of whether or not we should be involved and that's healthy, but I appreciated seeing everyone's support of the troops,” he said.



Lt. Col Mike Smith '82, professor of military science at PC, shared his own Gulf War experiences to help students better understand the Iraq War.

Revis combines duty and desire as Citizen of the Year

Somewhere between being a dedicated family man, a dedicated employee, and an active leader in his church, PC public safety officer Jimmy Revis found room for one additional title — Clinton's "Citizen of the Year."

Revis earned the honor this spring from *The Clinton Chronicle*. According to *The Chronicle's* publisher, Larry Franklin, Revis was nominated by several individuals and then chosen by a committee. He was featured in the newspaper's annual *Horizons* special section.

Franklin said one of the nominations revealed much about Revis' personality and service.

"It is so very true when you hear that there are angels among us," it read. "If you have any doubts, you have only to meet Mr. Revis."

Many PC student "night owls" already have met Revis, a seven-year veteran of the PC Public Safety Office, because he works the night shift during the week. Also, during the 16 years he spent in local law enforcement, Revis spent many Saturdays working as a security officer at PC athletic events.

"I like to work with the students and I think that after a while the students and I seem to become friends" said Revis. "(Public safety director) Larry Mulhall told me that upon returning from summer vacation, a student came by

Public Safety to see how I was doing. Can you imagine that? I like these students."

Mulhall said Revis maintains just the right attitude for working on campus.

"Jimmy understands the mission of a public safety officer and that the mission of a public safety officer is very different from the mission of a police officer," he said. "He's solid and reliable and he understands how to educate and befriend the college student."

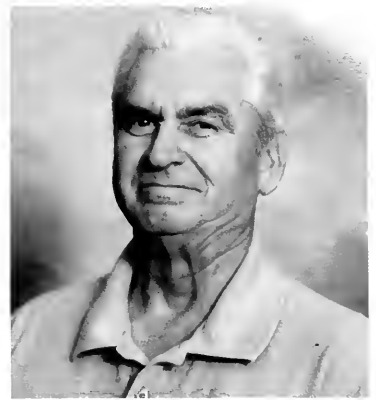
Revis' service to the PC community is certainly a valid reason for his honor although his service to the Clinton community as a whole is the reason *The Chronicle* selected Revis as its "Citizen of the Year."

"His priorities in life are in order. He is close to his family and his church and he is well liked," Mulhall said. "Jimmy doesn't seek the spotlight, though. He keeps his deeds to himself. I knew that he did things with his church to assist the community, but I had no idea how much he does."

Revis has been a member at Calvary Baptist Church for 46 years and, for 23 of those years, he has served as head of the Brotherhood. Simply being an active member of his church provides Revis with many opportunities to serve.

"At first, people don't really seem to want the help that they need, but I find that if I can just make friends with that person then they don't really mind my helping them so much," said Revis.

He has built handrails and ramps for the elderly and handicapped in the Clinton community, and he restored the Calvary Cemetery. For the past two years, Revis has taken a dialysis patient to the hospital every week for treatment. He recently drove to Newberry to install a new bathroom floor for a person in need.



Jimmy Revis

"I serve because I get a blessing out of doing it," Revis said. "Sometimes people's lives change, and service can do that to a person. It's a good opportunity for me to witness to people and to share my faith with them."

Even when that person is someone Revis encountered on the job.

"My wife knew I was crazy when I paid the fines to bail a person that I arrested out of jail," he said. "This person, this lady, later wrote me a letter about how her life had changed. It was a witness to her. That's what it's all about."

Revis seeks no acclaim for his service, however. In fact he was rather surprised that someone would nominate him as an outstanding citizen for doing what he considers second nature.

"I'll do anything to help another person," said Revis, "We're just traveling through this world, and then that's it," he said.



Dr. Tom Weaver, professor of political science, delivered the inaugural address in the Laurens County Lecture Series in May when he spoke on the history of U.S. relations in the Middle East. The lecture series is a cooperative program of Presbyterian College, the Presbyterian Home of South Carolina, School District 55, School District 56, and Piedmont Technical College.

Greek life at PC bucks national trend and remains strong

While fraternity and sorority chapters unravel at colleges throughout the country, Greeks at Presbyterian College remain a viable swatch in the fabric of campus life.

Still, even PC's Greek letter organizations are finding change to be inevitable.

According to Marc Shook, the assistant dean of students for Greek and residence life, colleges and universities around the United States are closing down Greek letter organizations because of liability issues.

"There is a climate of zero tolerance," he said, adding that PC is bucking the trend somewhat by maintaining a commitment to the Greek system on campus.

In addition to hiring Shook as the college's first director of Greek life, PC also is committed financially to supporting Greeks and has made it a priority to align the college community with national risk management guidelines.

Rising senior Freddy Rivera, a member of the college's Interfraternity Council, said he is keenly aware that the overall environment for Greeks is in flux.

"I think that Greek life at PC is at a pivotal moment in the history of the college," he said. "What is happening here and why such an emphasis has been put lately on Greek life at PC is because, overall and throughout the country, Greek life is suffering. Many believe that Greek life won't be around for another hundred years."

Greeks at PC, on the other hand, continue to thrive, albeit under changing circumstances.

"We're strong," said Shook. "Although the numbers are slightly down for females, our overall numbers are still right at the highest they've ever been. I think Greek life is very vibrant at PC and getting better."

The college's fraternities and sororities, whose members always have been involved in community service, made a concerted effort to improve their community service within their organizations.

According to Shook, Greeks amassed nearly 7,500 hours of community service, with 5,657 of those spent on chapter-sponsored events – almost four times as many chapter-sponsored community service hours accumulated in 2001. Perhaps as important, PC's Greeks raised \$5,432 for charity in 2002.

Greeks raised money for the American Red Cross, Canine Companions for Independence, Ronald McDonald House, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. They volunteered as CHAMPS mentors, Meals on Wheels, the Special Olympics, and the American Cancer Society.

They also participated in a number of

educational programs – including alcohol awareness, risk management, leadership, eating disorders, and anti-hazing programs – designed to make individual Greeks better members, students, and citizens, said Shook.

And Greeks made the best of several opportunities to promote Greek life and share common goals and experiences.

According to Rivera, the annual Greek awards banquet and Greek Week were two highlights that showcased the best aspects of fraternity and sorority involvement – campus leadership and scholarship and impact on the social climate at PC.

"All in all, I feel that Greek life at PC is a necessity," he said. "Greeks contribute to the diverse nature of our college and promote our liberal arts education by catering to individuals who enjoy the social life and encourage our motto – 'While we live, we serve.'"

Still, both Shook and Rivera are well aware that Greek life is changing – and PC's Greeks are adapting to those changes as well.

Last fall, the college implemented the Blue Dot sticker system, which requires students to purchase a sticker for their college identification cards if they plan to participate legally in social events at Fraternity Court. The Blue Dot system was designed to maintain Fraternity Court as a safe environment for social activities, as well as reduce liability for Greek letter organizations that sponsor them. Funding from the Blue Dot provided security at events, in addition to funding programs and training on alcohol and risk management, hazing, and leadership and a band and social event at Fraternity Court.

While some Greeks may admittedly chafe under some of the changes made by the Blue Dot system, Shook emphasized its necessity and overall level of acceptance.

"In response, colleges and universities have been struggling to establish policies that conform to recent case law and the demands for stringent risk management required by national organizations," Shook said. "PC is no different. PC's Greeks needed to improve in several areas to insure their survival in this hyper-litigious time, and to accommodate the now-universal agreement from all Greek letter organizations that social events be registered beforehand, formal guest lists be in place, identification be checked before individuals enter, security be provided, and procedures exist for insuring that underage drinking does not occur."

Shook added that, for the most part, response to the Blue Dot has been positive. Rivera agreed.

"I feel that the Blue Dot is a good system that has worked well at other schools and some form of this system should be (continued) at PC," he said.

"The most important part, though, is that we support and lend it our constructive criticism," he said. "Change does not come easy, but change is necessary."



... funds for such philanthropies as the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Administrators find that for relationships the play's the thing

With an impressive student-teacher ratio and easily accessible faculty offices at Presbyterian College, it isn't surprising that many PC students have close relationships with their professors. The professors become more than just teachers — they are, in many cases, mentor and confidant.

That isn't always the case with the college's administrators, whose professional responsibilities often confine them to offices or require them to be away from campus. So it may have come as a surprise to students this spring when a college vice president and an associate dean appeared in the Harper Center for play practice.

The irony is that *Cabaret*, a production that relates the pain of human hatred and separation, is the same play that drew those administrators and students closer together.

Genevra Kelly, vice president for advancement, and Dr. Bud Warner, associate dean of academic affairs, each auditioned for roles and became full-fledged cast members in the PC Theater Company's production. Kelly played Fraulein Schneider, a German woman who owns a boarding house, and Warner played Herr Schultz, a Jewish fruit vender who falls in love with Schneider.

Okay, so Warner and Kelly were the only cast members old enough to remember the 1972 movie version of *Cabaret* starring Liza Minelli and Joel Grey. Both readily admit that their life experience and administrative positions did not earn them any special privileges — or a less challenging rehearsal and performance schedule. In fact, both administrators agree that becoming an equal part of the cast was an integral part of the experience.

After countless hours of vigorous rehearsing alongside the student actors, Warner described his experience as "delightful" and a "great way to meet students I would have otherwise never known so personally."

Kelly added that the time with her castmates was a multi-dimensional experience.

"We get used to knowing people on a two-dimensional level — professor to student, adult to young person," she said. "When you participate in live theater you realize that people are truly multifaceted. It is a joy to see those wonderful things within them being pulled out through the acting."

Describing their theatrical bonding experience, Kelly and Warner both used such words as 'family' and 'unified.' The students involved in the production also admit that it brought them closer to the administrators.

Jonathan Doerr, a sophomore political science major, played the role of Cliff, an American novelist visiting Berlin in the roaring 1920s. Comfortably referring to Warner and Kelly as 'Bud' and 'Genevra,' Doerr said the experience "really strengthened relations between the administration and students. They became our friends rather than just our administrators."

As the Caldwell Harper Theater was transformed into the seedy Kit-Kat Club, the cast and crew were united in sharing *Cabaret's* cultural impact with college and local community. They brought to life two tragic love stories and a few dramatic glimpses of German life during the period leading to the rise of Nazi Germany.

"Ultimately, it's the arts that feed —" Kelly said. "(*Cabaret*) teaches history to the heart."

Warner said the intimacy of the Caldwell Harper Theater helped to convey the story and set the mood. Because the audience sat level with cast and interaction was commonplace, guests were absorbed into the performance.

"The audience couldn't escape what was being presented," he said. "We forced them to look at what happened and search for conclusions within themselves."

With a nod to his fellow castmates, Doerr explained it succinctly.

"It's good to ruffle some feathers," he said, "because you never know what you'll find underneath."

"They became our friends rather than just our administrators."

— Sophomore Jonathan Doerr



Dr. Bud Warner (center) and Genevra Kelly were among the talented cast members of "*Cabaret*," which was staged this spring to excellent reviews in the Caldwell Harper Theater.

Scholarship renews PC's commitment to CHAMPS

Nearly a decade ago, Presbyterian College partnered with the Laurens County school districts, organizations, and the community at-large to change the lives of deserving students. Since welcoming its first class in 1995, the PC CHAMPS (Communities Helping, Assisting, and Motivating Promising Students) program has indeed touched the lives of more than 240 students and their families.

The program, envisioned by the leaders of Presbyterian College, Laurens County School Districts 55 and 56, and the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, addresses not only a persistent education issue that hinder local youth from reaching their potential, but also one that will impact Laurens County for years to come.

Now, as CHAMPS begins its third year of channeling prepared students to college and as it receives its ninth group of 30 new students, Presbyterian College is extending its sustained commitment to Laurens County and the program by offering a full scholarship to a qualified CHAMPS student each year.

"The announcement of this CHAMPS scholarship at PC is a significant step in the development of the program," CHAMPS director Jerman Disasa said. "It boldly reconfirms, exemplifies, and extends PC's commitment to giving back to the Laurens County community the permanent gift of education through this partnership program. It was in our founding principles that the commitment of Presbyterian College to CHAMPS was not to be misunderstood as a hidden recruitment strategy for the college. Instead, the college made it clear that its interest was to motivate and support the students to strive toward reaching their college dreams and attending the institution of their desire, not necessarily PC."

The CHAMPS Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating CHAMPS high school senior who has applied for and has been granted admission to Presbyterian College. The scholarship is worth the equivalent of PC's annual direct cost to attend — room, board, tuition, and select

The CHAMPS Scholarship will be renewed for three consecutive years contingent upon the academic progress during each of the years the recipient is enrolled at PC.

Students will be considered for the award based on recommendations by CHAMPS personnel, academic achievement, and financial need.

Disasa said the CHAMPS Scholarship is a way for PC to benefit from the talents of the students it is assisting.

"In the past two years of channeling CHAMPS students to some 12 higher education institutions, PC has refrained from expressing its legitimate claim of having trained these students for other colleges and universities. Now, with this scholarship, I envision the important roles the recipients will play in helping to retain Laurens County students in Laurens County for their undergraduate education," Disasa said.

"They will serve as motivating role models for future CHAMPS. As a resident of this county, and as a CHAMPS advocate and director, I am grateful to the college not only for this scholarship but also for the many scholarships that our students continue to earn to go to other institutions."

Since the program's inception, more than 90 Presbyterian College students have served as mentors, counselors, and tutors — connecting CHAMPS students with higher education and life skills. School districts 55 and 56 and their teachers have given countless hours and human resources to help the program meet its goals. Individuals, churches, and businesses have contributed to the financial and instructional needs of the program.

Due to the influence of CHAMPS, grades are improved, students are more motivated, parents are increasingly engaged in the education of their children, and genuine partnerships have been built among the supporting entities. In addition, a two-year-old fledgling extension of this program in Columbia, CHAMPS-Eastminster, is currently serving 57 students in Richland County.



A new scholarship will soon bring CHAMPS students back to campus as PC students.

Carlton chosen to lead Blue Hose athletic program

William Beeland "Bee" Carlton received a special homecoming invitation in May when he was offered the athletic director position at his alma mater.

Carlton wasted no time accepting the invitation.

The Blue Hose alumnus will replace Valerie Sheley who resigned her position in February. Dr. Richard Newman, chair of the physical education department, has guided the Blue Hose program as interim director of athletics for the past three months.

"We conducted a national search that generated a large number of highly qualified candidates to locate the proper individual to guide the direction of the PC athletic program," PC President John Griffith said. "That spoke to the quality of an athletic program that exists in a highly respected academic setting.

"Bee Carlton rose to the top of the process because of his strong personal commitment to athletics, his strong leadership and management abilities, and his commitment to academic integrity. He is a person of high energy who has a commanding presence and a quick wit. We are extremely excited about the skills that he brings to a Blue Hose athletics program steeped in rich tradition," he added. "These are traits shared by Dick Newman, who stepped in and did a magnificent job of leading our program through a wonderful spring season."

Carlton comes to PC from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where for the past seven years he has gained extensive athletic and academic administration experience. He is currently the director of systems engineering and operations research academic programs, managing a staff of more than 30. He has also served as the primary liaison between coaches, athletic administration, and academic administration for the execution of athletic programs. His duties have included competition coordination and ensuring that the academy's student-athletes meet university and NCAA eligibility standards.

"I am just overwhelmed with excitement about returning to the PC family," Carlton said. "I am humbled and honored by this selection. It has been a dream of mine to be able to come back to PC and give back to the institution that means so much to me. Being able to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends. This is a great opportunity for me and my family. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and be a part of the team."

The opportunity to lead a department of athletics — and to do so at an institution with high standards and lofty ambitions — was a tremendous attraction, Carlton said.

"Athletics is such an important part of learning life lessons as a young person. Being able to make sure that our young student-athletes have the opportunity to excel in all aspects of campus life plays a major role in their development as a whole," he said. "My job is to make sure that each one of our student-athletes from freshman to senior, from cross-country runners to softball players, have the opportunity to learn the life lessons that PC offers."

Carlton has served since 1997 as the head officer representative to the Army Sprint football team and is the former assistant officer representative to the NCAA Division I Army football team. He maintained close contact with student-athletes as the officer-in-charge of the U.S. Military Academy Fellowship of Christian Athletes, coordinating, supervising, and leading weekly devotionals, small group Bible studies, and Christian activities.

As the chairman of the West Point Golf Course Advisory Council, Carlton assisted the Army golf coach in ensuring the facility meets standards to support recruiting and competition for the program.

A 1976 graduate of Presbyterian College, Carlton was captain of the Blue Hose football team during his senior season. A three-year letterman, he was the first All-South Atlantic Conference player from PC.

In addition to his military credentials and PC degree, Carlton holds a masters degree in science from Georgia Tech and a Ph.D. in operations research from the University of Texas at Austin.

Carlton said the growth of the athletic department and the success of teams it fields in NCAA Division II was attractive to him as a candidate.

"When I was in school, the athletic department had six athletic teams. The expansion of athletic programs and the addition of quality athletic facilities brings great pride to the school, the community, and our student-athletes. It shows the commitment that the school has to athletics. The athletic facilities at PC are very impressive, even compared to the facilities that are here at West Point.

"Each of the athletic programs — from women's soccer to golf — have given our athletic department and institution the national recognition that we love to see. Our objective is for our athletic teams to compete on the national level and consistently be successful on the field of competition."

Carlton inherits a program with 13 varsity sports. PC coaches who were part of the search committee that brought him to campus are excited about the addition.



William "Bee" Carlton

"As a coach, I am impressed with his leadership style," said Brian Purcell, head women's soccer coach and PC alumnus. "I'm excited about the opportunity to work with him and see what someone with his extensive background can do to improve our athletic department and lead us in the future."

"As an alumna, I am pleased that PC was able to hire one of its own for such an important position at the institution," added Leigh Irwin, head women's basketball coach. "His personality and leadership skills will be a perfect fit for our athletic department."

Gregg Nibert, who coached the Blue Hose men's basketball team to the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen this spring, said Carlton's knowledge of PC coupled with his background at the U.S. Military Academy combine to make him a strong athletic director.

"I feel that he will lead us and guide us with his great love and passion for PC and his strong leadership qualities," Nibert said.

Carlton's duties will include overall management of the athletic department and NCAA compliance issues. He will represent PC at South Atlantic Conference functions and through such college organizations as the Scotsman Club.

"Bee is an excellent fit for the college and the PC athletic program. We're fortunate to have hired such a strong leader," said Alan R. Smith, director of the PC Scotsman Club and a former teammate of Carlton's. "At the same time, Bee is also fortunate to step into a program that features some of the most talented and collegial coaches in the nation. I look forward to working with him on fundraising for athletic scholarships through the Scotsman Club."

Carlton and his wife, the former Laura Sholar, have three daughters, Leigh, Lindsay, and Claire.

True Values

of a fifty dollar bill

Last fall, PC freshman Katy Ziegner had the idea of surprising her parents in Glen Rock, N.J., by returning home for fall break. There was just one problem — the cost of a round-trip train ticket was nearly \$300.

Her friends on the second floor of Belk Hall were suddenly faced with a dilemma — to simply comfort their classmate or to pool their own money to help fund her trip. Greed took a back seat as her fellow freshmen raised more than the cost of the ticket, allowing Ziegner to make the trip home.

"I had no idea that anyone would even think to do something like that. I was just so surprised that I didn't know what to do with myself," Ziegner said. "It means so much to me that I came to a school where people would do something that selfless for a friend, acquaintance, or someone they don't know at all."

The story puts a smile on PC President John Griffith's face.

It was last September during the college's opening convocation that Griffith announced a most interesting project. As he concluded his talk entitled simply "Greed," Griffith explained that



Katy Ziegner and Chandler Guess were among the freshmen who discovered that a \$50 bill could enlighten their college experience.

100 freshmen would find \$50 bills in their campus mailboxes that afternoon.

The words sent a buzz through the audience. Fifty dollars is a nice sum of money for any college student, so how did those freshmen get so lucky?

More importantly, what was the catch?

The students were told that they had until the end of their freshman year to spend the money. The lone stipulation? They were to report to Griffith how it was spent.

Pay bills? Buy groceries? Do laundry? Go to dinner? The choices seemed endless for a group of teenagers — many of whom were on their own for the first time.

"I did this for two reasons. One, we were bombarded all summer long with images of company CEOs becoming obscenely rich while the companies were failing. Employees who were not really responsible for the failure were the ones losing their jobs," he said. "It occurred to me that it was likely that this was something that was on many students' minds. Some of their parents may have even lost jobs. At the opening convocation, I wanted to talk about two of our core values at Presbyterian College — integrity and honor being one, service to other people, the second. Greed is something that we all fall prey to, and that is something I wanted to address to all students, especially our new freshman. This project was one way of introducing that idea to them.

"The second reason is because I personally was distressed by what I saw going on this summer. I wanted to know what young people, the next generation of leaders, are thinking about these issues. I wanted to challenge the freshmen somehow, put something in the hands of the freshmen that forced them to make the decision, to think about their responsibilities."

When Griffith formed the idea to challenge members of the freshmen class, he had no way of realizing how effective the project would be — or the far-reaching effects the money would have. It was not only an extension of the students' educational experience, but also an introduction to Presbyterian College students' long history of service.

Griffith had barely made his announcement when Grace Phillips of Pensacola, Fla., had a hunch that she would be one of the 100 to receive the money.

"My reaction was, 'It's in my box.' It was just one of those feelings, so I started thinking of what I would do with it, knowing that I wanted to give it to a worthy cause," Phillips said. "I gave the money to Student Volunteer Services. At first I had no clue what to do with it, then one of the girls at the SVS sign-ups table suggested I give it to SVS to help purchase a new van. I gave her the \$50 right there. No questions asked."

Chandler Guess of Summerville, S.C., was also in the audience and said "a tingle went down my spine" because she knew exactly what she would do if she were a recipient of the money.

She was — and the \$50 was quickly sent to St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Haiti.

"I traveled to St. Joseph's Home for Boys two years ago and I truly fell in love with their program," Guess said. "I am going back down soon, and I cannot wait to see the difference PC's contribution has made. I entrusted director Michael Geilenfield with the money and gave instructions to please use it to send young children to school in Citi Soleil. Fifty U.S. dollars can send approximately 15 students to school for a year."

Greed? Hardly.

As PC students, like many across the country, were flooded by memories on September 11 — one year after the terrorist attacks in the United States — Blair Seymour of Maryville, Tenn., was also battling homesickness. She decided to visit the local Wal-Mart — not to purchase something to comfort her — but to buy items that would comfort those around her.

Seymour purchased 22 American flags.

"I walked into Greenville Dining Hall with the flags and handed them out telling people, 'Have one and go to FCA tonight. God bless America,'" she said. "It felt great. It not only brought up my own spirits, but I could really tell it helped other people as well."

Kelly Graham Morris of Ninety Six, S.C., used her money to brighten the life of a five-year-old Thornwell student.

"I was lucky enough to grow up in a house where I did not get everything I wanted, but everything I needed and added extras here and there," she said. "I knew when I came to PC that I wanted to be a Thornwell Big Sister, and when I opened my mailbox and saw the money, I knew what to do with it. I decided to find out what my little sister needed, and use the money to provide those things for her. I bought her pajamas, slippers, and a couple of posters to help decorate her room. My hopes are that this little girl will feel loved and know that there are people out there who care for her."

While some freshmen spent their money on those in need, others used it to thank those who have impacted their lives.

Roland Trout of Taylors, S.C., used his money to celebrate his parents' 25th wedding anniversary, which fell on the one-year anniversary of the September 11th attacks.

"Despite all of the had in this world, my parents have found a way to stay together for 25 years, a remarkable feat in the world we live in," Trout said. "I went home and took my parents to dinner, using the \$50 to pay part of the bill. I couldn't see any better way to spend the fifty dollars than on the people that are responsible for everything that I am and everything I will become."

Whether the cash ended up in Haiti or in the hands of a homesick classmate, those who shared their stories also said they now truly understand the meaning of the PC spirit.

"This was an awesome opportunity for students here at PC," Guess said. "Overall I think it

had a wonderful impact on those in the community. I think it raised awareness and helped put the value of money, and life in general, in perspective."

Phillips agreed.

"Dr. Griffith emphasized the importance of serving others, not only in what we give financially, but in our everyday lives, whether it be for someone who is needy or for a fellow student," she said. "In signing the Honor Code (at opening convocation) we were really signing ourselves to a connection with PC for the remainder of our lives. Hopefully the school's motto *Dum Vitimus Servimus* will stay with us as PC stays with us."

Once the project was made public in a *Greenville News* feature story, it quickly gained national media attention.

"The last thing on my mind was to make this a publicity stunt," Griffith said, adding that he had received phone calls and e-mails from across the country. When the news of PC students' generosity and selflessness reached CNN and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, even other colleges and universities took notice.

Student newspapers at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and Brown University in Providence, R.I., wrote articles on Griffith's idea. The Northwestern staff even polled a few of that university's students about how they would spend the money if given the same opportunity. A few said they would use it to serve others. The majority, however, said that they would use it to pay bills.

"This is an expensive school," said one student.

Although the results of the project may surprise some, they have not shocked members of the PC community.

"Many of these freshmen have been active in community and church service throughout their lives, so giving the money to those in need or to help raise the spirits of others is not surprising," said Steve Owens, PC's director of communications. "It is, however, an affirmation that these students' values blend seamlessly with the college's core values. That's part of what makes PC such a remarkable place."

Griffith said the project held an additional benefit — the opportunity to open a dialogue with PC's newest students.

"I felt like I stumbled into a conversation with our students that has been a real gift," he said. "It has been a window to our freshmen that I value a great deal"

So what can the Class of 2007 expect at this September's opening convocation?

"There is always that expectation to surpass what you have done in the past, and I do not know that we can top this," he said. "If students begin to expect the \$50 every year, it will lose its meaning."

— Andrea McGavin

War and the Media

Presbyterian College's 2003 Arnold Symposium offered a timely look at the Iraq War, embedded journalists, and news ethics as the military met the media on CNN and beyond

Embedded journalists. Baghdad Bob. Al-Jazeera.

Many new descriptions, names, and nicknames quickly found a place in Americans' vocabularies with the onset of the war in Iraq. More than two months after the first missiles were fired, the new terminology now seems commonplace everywhere from the streetcorner to CNN.

During the first week of the war however, those words were still being formed in the vocal chords of the media. That was when the Russell Program brought the conflict up close and personal to Presbyterian College through its 2002-03 series on "War and the Media"

Gen. (Ret.) Wesley Clark took a break from his around-the-clock duties at CNN as the news network's military analyst to join *Los Angeles Times* correspondent Robin Wright and former ambassador to Morocco Marc Ginsberg for an in-depth look at the war and the news media covering the conflict.

From the controversial decision to embed reporters in military units fighting in Iraq to the U.S. media's decision not to air gruesome footage of the treatment of Coalition prisoners of war, the symposium and its ramifications dominated discussion at the March symposium.

The panel discussion in Edmunds Hall, which was moderated by the topic of patriotism and ob-

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both. He said it must be patriotic in order to make a connection with its audience and critical in order to do its job as objectively as possible.

"The media has great difficulties and challenges ahead," Clark predicted. "It will have a hard time finding a balance."

Ginsberg, whose expertise lies in Middle East political and economic issues, was an analyst on the Fox News Network during the conflict. He played off of Saddam Hussein's 1991 promise to the U.S. military, noting that the current Iraq conflict was shaping up to be the "mother of all television wars."

"Saddam's strategy is not a military strategy but a propaganda strategy," Ginsberg said. "And I'm afraid the U.S. may be falling into a trap by not understanding the stakes for this war."

Ginsberg also was critical of what he said was insufficient debate in America about the war and how the conflict would be viewed by the rest of the world. To other countries, he said, U.S. actions would smack of imperialism and he suggested that the media would not improve that image.

"The U.S. media is playing too much into Saddam's hands by focusing on casualties only and not the real issues," he said.

Wright, a career journalist who has spent much of her professional life overseas, countered and said the role of the media is overrated.

"We are a medium and we function in a capitalist system," she said. "One of the major problems we have is that people turn to the media for what they want to hear instead of listening to what they need to hear."

Audiences, Wright said, want "snapshots" of the war. She stated that — less than a week into the conflict — many viewers were already turning off coverage because the conflict had, in their estimation, gone on too long.

Wright also spoke out against the embedded reporters because they "become hostage to what the military does" instead of trying to cover the conflict from all angles, including that of the other side.

Clark also was skeptical of the embedding program but said that, in his experience, journalists and soldiers who see a military conflict from the inside often come to the same conclusions about war policies and the policy-makers.

"I think you're going to find that as you watch all those retired generals discussing the war, we're going to turn out to be the harshest critics," he said.

Ginsberg argued that embedded journalists become reliant on soldiers and start posting their stories in terms of "we" instead of "they." He also said that many journalists, including war analysts like Clark, get most of their information from the Pentagon and may not be getting the clearest view of what is happening in the conflict.

Clark responded. "I'm a Rhodes Scholar from Arkansas," he joked. "The Pentagon does not call me."

When asked to address domestic and international protests in and out of the U.S., the panel unanimously came out in support of the



freedom to speak out against policy and policy-makers.

"I welcome the debate," said Clark. "But let it be a protest of policy, not the men and women of the military.

Clark said the military trains and prepares for combat in large part so it will never have to fight and said soldiers should not be used in conflict without the will of the people behind them.

"When we send our young people into a war without the inferred consent of the American people, we spill their blood for no good reason," he said.

Still, said Wright, there is a lack of debate between the people and the politicians not because a medium does not exist – but more because neither side wants to engage the other.

Clark urged the audience to change that.

"You have to ask critical questions," he said. "You must not accept all decisions based on authority alone."

American ideals – not American military might – should change the world, the retired general said.

"We can continue on this path – but that's not a vision," he said. "It's an emotional reaction to the horror of 9/11. If we don't find that vision and follow it, we will reap the consequences of what we sow."

At right, former U.S. Army General Wesley Clark shares his professional experiences with cadets from the Scottish Highlander Battalion at PC. Above, he joins Los Angeles Times correspondent Robin Wright and Marc Ginsberg, former ambassador to Morocco during the Arnold Symposium panel discussion.

Clark and Wright also delivered solo lectures to the PC community on Iraq and the world stage. Both suggested that the U.S. should bear in mind that the world is watching every action and will largely shape any reaction.

"We've got to take those American values and move ahead in the world. We've got to be courageous, visionary and generous. We have to share our values and share our hopes," Clark said, adding that he believes the nation is coming alive under the challenges taking place and that the media is helping the country build at least a national consensus.

"Public understanding of what's going on around us is critical to where we're going as a country," he said.

When asked about threats being made by North Korea, Clark, who has been rumored as a possible Presidential candidate, said the United States must talk to North Korea face-to-face and stay the course on dealing with weapons of mass destruction – but in a way that "broadens our appeal" instead of acting in isolation.

Clark also interacted with students during his visit to PC, including meeting with members of the Scottish Highlander Battalion.





A lesson in Championship 101

By Hal Milam

Ask any coach in any sport and he or she will agree that a season of competition has its share of unique moments that may make all the difference between winning and losing. For some teams it is a brilliant score in the waning seconds of a close game. For others it is a strategic technique picked up in practice or fiery oratory from a coach or team leader in the minutes before taking the field.

For the record-setting Blue Hose men's basketball team, it may have been a simple meeting with a group of troubled young men – and a brilliant lesson in the value of receiving and taking advantage of a shot at redemption.

Second chances.

It was a Monday in January after a couple of disappointing losses to South Atlantic Conference foes Carson-Newman College and Wingate University, recalls Blue Hose head coach Gregg Nibert. The team was invited to speak to a group of local youth and the conversation turned to overcoming adversity and making the most of new opportunities.

(Nibert's forward) Curtis Stamps got up and talked about second chances in his life. "I've learned to take notice," he said. "I'll be in practice later, something about those kids did more for me than anything else."

Stamps' message is simply understood.

"The 'second chances' theme represented the opportunities that God gives us to do better," he said. "This can be seen in basketball, relationships, and religion."

Nibert said the team discovered a sense of how fortunate they were to be playing basketball at PC and, more importantly, a renewed commitment to their goals on and off the court and to the efforts it takes to play championship-caliber basketball.

"We are constantly going to have adversity in our lives," Nibert said. "But we talked about how we have to try harder to overcome them." For the Blue Hose, who posted an impressive – and record-tying – 27-9 season, the challenges this season included a 9-5 record in the South Atlantic Conference and a few disappointing losses to teams PC had to beat in order to move into the ranks of the NCAA Division II elite.

"Those losses always brought into focus the things we needed to do as a team – learning from those losses and getting better," said Nibert.

Senior center Rod Isom said the season also was a testament to the tried and true.

"Hard work really pays off," he said. "This year was just a reward based upon previous years of hard work leading up to this season."

And so, in an age where dribbling and shooting and offensive statistics are emphasized by individual players, the Blue Hose forged a team built on principles you find watching the decisively old-school "Hoosiers" – deft ball movement, stingy defense, and sacrificing individual goals for the sake of the whole.

"I told our senior class from day one that all of our players were going to have to accept their roles for this team to win," said Nibert. "And I told them they would need our freshmen – guys like Michael Drum and Tray Ballenger and Johann Collins – because they're good players."

Perhaps no single player took that advice to heart as much as senior guard Chuck Rayford, who switched from shooting guard to point guard in mid-season.

"When Chuck took over the point, everybody's numbers went up but his," Nibert said. "But his defensive intensity increased and he proved he was a true leader."

Isom said the team simply tossed statistics – and individual achievement – out the window.

"No one cared who got the attention as long as we got to win," he said.

The Blue Hose also learned how fun it is to play the game with teammates you enjoy working – and playing – with.

"One of the keys of our success was that the team was really close," said Isom. "We were all brothers, including the freshmen."

Armed with the fourth best defense in the country, the Blue Hose made the most of its second chance in post-season play – reaching the finals of the SAC tournament and earning an invitation to the NCAA Division II playoffs. It was there that PC showed what second chances are all about – defeating top-seeded Columbus State

University and No. 2 Shaw University in the South Atlantic Regionals before succumbing to Bowie State University on St. Patrick's Day.

"We showed that we never gave up," said forward Jeff Whittle. "We showed that we were good nationwide by beating Columbus State and Shaw," he said. "We didn't get down. We worked hard to have a winning season."

It definitely put the Blue Hose in good company. "Our team was able to do something that no other PC men's team has ever done before," said senior center Preston Davis.

Davis added that the manner in which PC battled this season was as sweet as the record number of victories.

"I am happy that we were given a second chance to go to the NCAA tournament," he said. "All of the hard work and dedication everyone

continued to put in, despite falling short in conference tournament, made a difference.

While the team earned well-deserved praise for its Sweet 16 finish, it also added the bitter but inspirational taste of dissatisfaction – a taste their coach hopes they won't lose.

"At our team meeting (after the season), we told the players some things they may not have wanted to hear," he said. "We told them that if we blocked out better and defended the three better, we'd be playing in the Final Four in Lakeland, Fla."

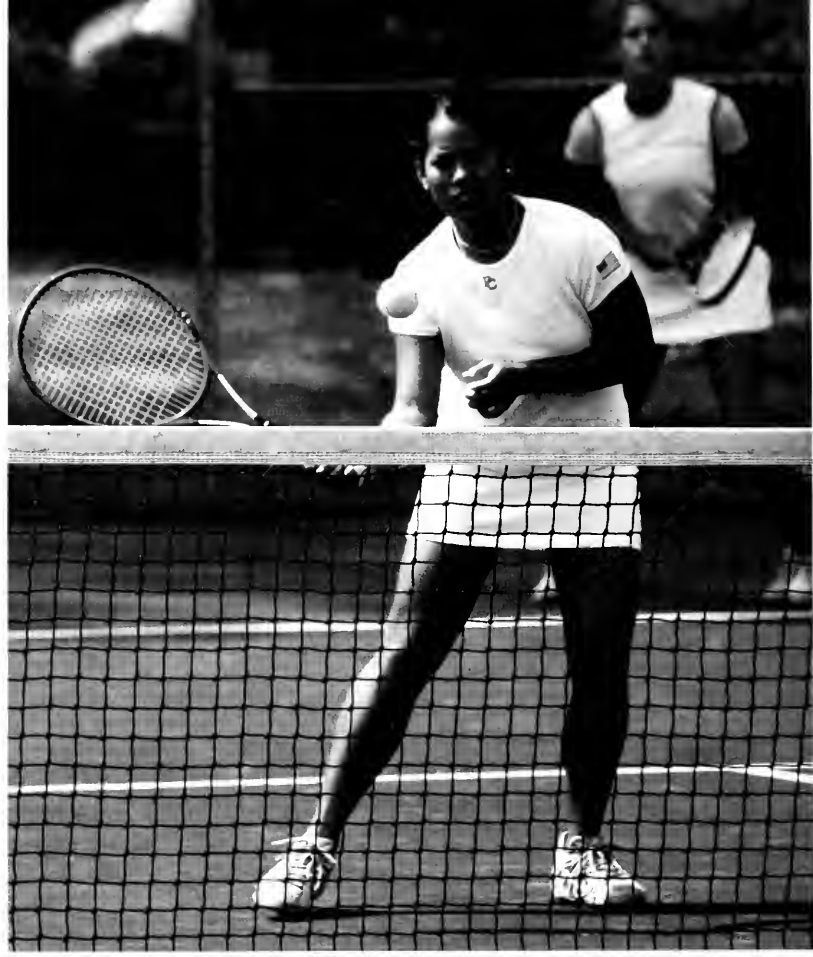
Nibert added, however, that getting close and seeing what it will take to make the most of next season's second chances has rejuvenated coaches and players alike.

"It was a lesson in Championship 101," he said.



Chuck Rayford drives to the basket against Newberry during his senior season — a memorable one for the Blue Hose (Photo by Patrick A. Ollivier)

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Blue Hose teams made the most of their final year hosting the South Atlantic Conference Spring Sports Festival, claiming top honors in two of the four sports in which champions were crowned.

(Clockwise from opposite left) Gavin Gillespie fired an opening round 64 and took top individual honors to lead PC to its third consecutive SAC championship. Elise Netzel (foreground) and doubles partner Rachel Key helped the women's tennis team to a first round win before rain cancelled the remainder of the tournament. Jamie Vining connected on a two-run homer as PC defeated Moss Hill in the tournament opener, but the Blue Hose — after knocking off top-seeded Carson-Newman — dropped two games in the championship round. Hector Rincon and the top-seeded PC men's tennis team never set foot on the court as rain washed out the competition prior to the team's first match, and PC ace Richard Parkley won a pair of games, including a shutout of Newberry College in the opener and a 15-5 victory over Tusculum in the championship game, to help the Blue Hose win their first SAC tournament title.

Four of the five Blue Hose teams — golf, baseball and men's and women's tennis — advanced to NCAA Division II tournament play in May.

A black and white photograph of a clock face and bare tree branches. The clock face is on the right side, showing Roman numerals and hands. The tree branches are on the left side, creating a complex, web-like pattern. The background is a bright, overexposed white.

Town and Gown

By Steve Owens



The town has been at a dead standstill with premonitory symptoms of galloping consumption.... Her streets are deserted, the stores have no customers, families speak of moving away. I feel convinced that nearly all of those I love the best will be gone.... If at the end of the year affairs are no better than they are today... I would like to go to another field.

— William Phmer Jacobs Diary Entry, 1871

It's difficult to ignore the sound of forged steel pounding nails on Musgrove Street.

The cacophonous hammering — the unmistakable sound of progress — spills from a downtown building as an angry late winter sky spits rain on Clinton. Beneath a "Carousel Playhouse" sign and through doors that bear well-worn reminders that the building was once a Rose's department store, a long-awaited transformation is taking place.

Emerging from this downtown cocoon is 120 Musgrove, an upscale restaurant that, when it opens in July, many hope will become the centerpiece of the town's main business district. From white linen tablecloths to the ornately pressed tin ceiling, the restaurant will offer haute cuisine to diners dressed in their fineries.

Fifty yards away sits another storefront — its Spartan exterior hiding two bare rooms in need of repair and cleaning. Volunteers wait to replace the wiring, to paint walls, and to unload donated equipment and furniture. They wait for the funding to breathe life into an eclectic coffee house and community center.

The two renovation projects in downtown Clinton are seemingly on opposite ends of the spectrum — five-star dining versus a bohemian coffee bar. However, this apparent dichotomy is born only from appearances.

Both businesses represent a new era in town and gown relations — a desire for the college community and the Clinton community to meet in different settings while improving the quality of life for all.

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...story is a familiar one, shared by many graduates. He arrived as a graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, Ga., and embraced the city's culture. He was elected to the majority of the next year's city council. It was a turning point for the school and the city. "We're going to be considered a college town in the future and that's a good thing. But we're also going to be considered a great place to live and to work. A lot of college towns don't have all of those things together. It's going to make us more of a special place."

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After attending graduate school at the University of Georgia, Randall was called "home" again. Now, he sees PC and the City of Clinton partnering to lead the revitalization.

"One of the reasons I stayed in Clinton is because everyone was so friendly. I was invited to go to church when I arrived as a student, and I've always said I should own stock in Whiteford's because I've been buying giant cheeseburgers from Ray Whiteford since 1971," he said. "I've never really thought of the city and college having friction, but rather just being two giants that coexisted with each other.

"As a student, you really start in a cocoon here. You have to get out to meet and see and do. The more I've been around, the more I see how much faculty and staff are involved with their churches, civic clubs, the literacy program, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Clinton Economic Development Corporation. The college has brought a lot of good people to Clinton, as well as some students who, like me, liked it so much they decided to make it their home."

In the past three years, those former students — now college and civic leaders — have joined their hands and minds to create, in Randall's words, "a real spirit of cooperation that maybe has never existed before."

Indeed, members of the PC community have stepped in to assist with strategic planning, master planning, and helping to advance those plans in any way possible.

The result, according to PC President John Griffith, has been the emergence of a true town and gown relationship.

"It's the right thing to do," Griffith said. "This is the community that gave birth to the college and has supported the college in so many ways over the years. We will always need the community's support, so it's our responsibility to be a good, energized, and committed corporate citizen in this community. It's just necessary.

"Secondly, our people have many talents and gifts that they have a responsibility to share. Our motto is 'while we live we serve' and it's in your own backyard that service should be at the highest level possible."

To understand the need for that service in 2003, one need only turn the calendar back a century when entrepreneur Mercer Silas Bailey and his sons opened the Clinton and Lydia Mills. They brought the prospect of good pay for low-skill jobs for much of the century and allowed Clinton to prosper as a community.

"The community is indebted to the leadership and vision of those who were responsible for bringing the textile industry here," Griffith said. "At every turn, you realize that we wouldn't be the community we are without that."

As the textile manufacturing land began to change in the 1980s, the Baileys sold their stake in Clinton Mills in leveraged buyouts. The shares eventually were purchased by management, which borrowed money against future sales to make the transaction.

In 1986, CMI Industries, Inc. emerged. Backed by Merrill Lynch, the new owners borrowed more than \$125 million to automate plants, pay severance to workers, and make a string of acquisitions. However, they found it increasingly difficult to compete with low-salary plants in Mexico and Asia.

CMI restructured twice in a three-year span, but continued to have difficulty competing with imports. From 1995 to 2000, CMI reduced its work force from 5,000 to 2,000 through automation and closings.

Late in 2001, the death knell sounded for CMI when the company's creditors forced it to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and the city's final 800 textile workers were laid off. The textile lineage that built Clinton was broken and members of the news media were quick to administer last rites to the town.

However, like Mark Twain, who also once read his own obituary in the newspaper, city and college officials exclaimed that reports of the demise were greatly exaggerated.

"It of course was traumatic when the mills closed here, but at the same time the mills have left a legacy of a workforce that knows how to work and work very hard. These are people with good work ethics. We know from talking with prospective businesses how essential that is," Griffith said. "It seems to me that we have a wonderful opportunity. We're well positioned geographically, we have wonderful roads, we have a good workforce, and we have an energized community leadership.

"Some people have made the analogy of what it was like in Charleston when the naval base closed. There was a sense of despair initially, but then the trumpets blew and it was a rallying call for people to come together, work as a team, and make new things happen. That's what I see going on in Clinton right now. Our board of trustees and I intend for Presbyterian College to be a leader in the response to that trumpet blowing."

One of the lead trumpet players is Clinton City Manager Sam Bennett, who helped recruit new industries and diversify in Goose Creek, a suburb of Charleston, after the naval base closed in 1996.

Bennett, who was hired as Clinton's city manager in 2001, sees the similarities between the cities.

"When a community loses its largest employer — whether it's a textile mill or a naval base — it has a psychological effect on the community. That's what happened here in Clinton, just like it happened in Charleston," he said. "There were dire conditions in the



Charleston community and, in particular, some of the outlying communities like Goose Creek. People were afraid they'd dry up and blow away. But they pulled themselves up by the bootstraps, recruited the industries they needed, and brought the jobs back to town. I think many would argue that they're better off now than when the base was thriving because of the diversity of people and employers they have now."

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We're really poised as a community to take off because of our location to other great communities and we have a quality of life that many other communities don't have. The college, Thornwell, and the downtown that we're revitalizing are large parts of that."

Bennett has listened closely to community feedback about the plans to revitalize the city. A *Charlotte Observer* article last year painted a picture of gloom and doom, but Bennett believes the citizens of Clinton see hope in the planning for the city.

"I think people in the community are very excited because they see the leadership in the community all moving together in the same direction," Bennett said. "We all feel like we've reached the bottom of the trough and are now climbing back out of it. A lot of people are ready for things to turn around, and they're excited to know that the major institutions left standing in the community — the college, Thornwell, Whitten Center, and the city — are all focused on one thing and that's improving the quality of life in town."

It was Randall who was convinced that the college's strategic planning process would also be effective for the city. The irony of the PC plan's title, "Moving Without Leaving Home," was lost on few.

"I'd like to think that the college has been the beneficiary of a very clear, focused, and systematic approach to planning that we're

seeing the fruits of now," Griffith said. "So in addition to understanding the approach and advocating that approach, we also asked our key people to be involved. A number of people at Presbyterian College had significant prior experience in strategic planning for an institution or a community, and then turning that strategic plan into a master plan for land use, facilities, and economic development. So the first thing we did was lend that expertise."

Norman Scarborough, associate professor of business administration, served as chair of the "Clinton Challenge 007: A Plan for the Future" committee and wrote the final plan.

The college was also well represented by faculty, staff, and alumni on the committees examining various facets of the city. Fred Chapman, the Robert M. Vance Professor Emeritus of Business and Economics, and Danny Cook '79 co-chaired the economic development committee. Holbrook Raynal '70 and Tommy Parrish '81 served on the health care committee. Jon Smith, assistant professor of political science, Dave Gillespie, vice president for academic affairs, and David Tribble '77 were on the city government committee.

Norman Dover '81, Kay Addison '77, and Ralph "Buz" Tedards '50 added their expertise to the committee on quality of life, while Robbie Cruickshanks '47 served on the appearances committee.

Each committee's work is being rolled into a master plan that is expected not only to breathe economic life back into the community, but also to diversify its business and industry while managing the growth.

"I think ten years down the road Clinton will be one of those towns that people are dying to move into," Bennett said. "We're going to find ourselves with more growth than we want. I really believe that. That's why we have to do things right to begin with — to put the pieces into place and prevent the things that have happened in places like Goose Creek and Mount Pleasant when success has come around.

"I see the college being a big part of it. I'd like to see those graduating seniors in ten years want to stay in Clinton because they recognize what quality of life is all about, because they love PC, and because there will be employment opportunities for them in business and industry."

The plan addresses three different parts of the community — the downtown area, a corporate park under development on the city's northeast side adjacent to I-26, and the city as a whole. "It's comprehensive and it's citizen driven," Randall said.

City leaders have sought to involve the public in the plan — starting with the heart of the business district.

In April, the city brought together Community Builders of Columbia, S.C., and members of the Clinton community for a

charrette to create a downtown redevelopment plan, develop a base structure for economic revitalization, and address design issues.

Presbyterian College faculty and staff opened the sessions on the downtown area. Charrettes are also planned to receive input on the corporate park and community housing and recreation.

Helping to advance the plan is the Clinton Economic Development Corporation, which was one of the city's most pressing needs, according to the strategic planning committee. The quasi public-private organization can move faster than the city government in purchasing and developing property.

"We have a lot of people involved with this corporation who have not only worked through the strategic plan, but also want to see the plan come to fruition," Randall said. "One of the important questions that came up during the planning process was 'we've done a lot of talking before, but what are we really going to do?' The goal now is to make sure that this plan works."

Russ Emerson, former plant manager at Torrington and a former chairman of the board of the Laurens County Hospital System, is chairman of the corporation. Among those asked to contribute to the launch of the corporation by serving on the executive committee were Griffith; Skip Stansell '73, president of Thornwell Home and School; and Cook, executive vice president of Carolina State Bank.

One of the corporation's first tasks is paving the way to make the corporate park a reality. With countless acres adjacent to Interstate 26 and Highway 72, the park could accommodate a variety of businesses and industries seeking excellent access to Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Atlanta, and Charlotte.

Randall said he envisions at least one hotel, restaurants, and possibly a golf course adding to the business and recreational benefits of the park. That, he added, would help drive economic revitalization downtown and to other areas of Clinton.

"Our economy right now is as bad as it's ever been. But as soon as we get some new industry here — and we're going to with the new corporate park at the interstate — things will continue to develop," Randall said. "We have a new restaurant coming and more eating opportunities will follow. I think we'll eventually see a movie theater here. There are a lot of strategies that the city and the college are willing to undertake together to make those opportunities blend better.

"The college is now one of the largest employers inside the city limits and it has taken a leading role in doing things to make Clinton better because we're mutually dependent on each other. The college needs the town to be vibrant and the town needs the college for jobs, for the influx of money, for the quality of life it gives to the citizens, and to attract new business."

The end result of the vision may not be a Utopian society, but city leaders and the Clinton Economic Development Corporation are banking that it will be as vibrant, if not more, than the community forged by the textile industry more than a century ago.

"We recently interviewed a major employer that is looking at the possibility of relocating to South Carolina," Griffith said. "While we spent five minutes looking at the land and talking about the cost of the land, they spent an hour and a half with us talking about the downtown and its amenities, housing, education, the workforce, race relations — about a whole range of issues that deal with the type of community we are. We've got to be a community that is as good, if not better, than Greenwood, Pendleton, Greer, and Anderson. In many ways, that's what this is about — having a vision of what we need to do for the sake of our citizens and then systematically taking the steps to get there."



Opposite: Faculty and students frequent such local eateries as A Taste of Yesterday to chat about events. At left, PC's treasurer and controller Walter Ridgely (foreground) was among the participants at a charrette led by Bill Steiner of Community Builders to discuss downtown revitalization.

120 Musgrove Street is in the heart of downtown Clinton. At 120 Musgrove, the upscale restaurant is becoming a reality.

Opening your eyes and enjoying a side order of imagination, it isn't difficult for the mind to generate the smell of crabcakes with remoulade sauce or a blackened ribeye with fried grits overpowering the smell of sawdust.

The thump of workers' boots will soon give way to the gentle tap of dress shoes. A supervisor barking orders will be replaced by the collective chattering of diners.

In July, fine dining will be a reality in Clinton.

Renowned chef Steven Foulis has earned loyal fans with his dishes at Steven W's Bistro in downtown Newberry and is now seeking to do the same in Clinton. The opportunity arose after more than two years of seeking to marry the proper restaurateur with the proper location. Adding a dash of investors created the perfect recipe.

What began as the brainchild of Griffith, Scarborough, and local businessman Chip Cooper quickly expanded to others in the community. A night of taste testing at the restaurant site in January convinced investors to open their checkbooks.

The business plan, written by Norman Scarborough and two of his students, called for the creation of a limited liability company that would create a broad base of investors. The plan included raising \$312,000 for renovation and operating capital for the first year of operation.

Responses came from far and wide... to PC. "Our own faculty and staff contributed \$34,000 toward that goal. To me, that is absolutely magnificent," Griffith said. "It's a statement that they want that sort of establishment for their own palates, but more importantly it shows that they love this community and understand that we all need to step up to make something like this happen. It will bring people downtown and should benefit the other business owners."

The project also helped to create, through donations, a Student/Faculty Entrepreneurial Research Fund at the college. When Foulis has purchased the restaurant at the end of a 15-year period, the self-perpetuating plan emerges.

"We intend that when Steven Foulis has completely bought the business, that we turn it over to him and reinvest in some other project in the community — something that will further assist in the growth and the development of our downtown," Griffith said.

Griffith is content to know that the smell of seared and crusted salmon will be a part of the quality of life in Clinton for many years to come.

Griffith is another good example of the partnership. We need more partnerships to make our community a better place for everyone to make

possible a restaurant that in the judgment of those involved would benefit both the community and the college," he said. "We know from our own survey that in a typical year we'll bring close to 20,000 people to Clinton — about half of whom are prospective students and their families.

"Prospective students are often on what I call the 'Golden Triangle Tour.' They often come from Atlanta and they're looking at Furman, PC, and Wofford before going on to North Carolina. It's always the case that they ask where they should eat and where they should stay overnight," he added.

"We have a great opportunity to capture a significant portion of that market right here. So I think it's fair to say that there is an element of that restaurant project that is self-serving. It's important to the college in the entertaining that we do, as well as in the recruitment of faculty and staff. But we also know that it is essential to business prospects."

Bennett believes the restaurant will not only help draw new business to town, but it also will add to the business district's eclectic offerings.

"I think that project will be one of the cornerstones of the new foundation of our downtown. Fifty, forty, thirty years ago downtown was the place to be. It was thriving because there was so much to do there. It was built around strong retail," he said. "We all know that has been drawn away by the Wal-Marts and the malls of the world. That's okay because our downtown is gravitating toward specialties and restaurants, and fine dining will be one of those.

"The partnership that was developed through the college and the business community and the private sector is a very strong one. So I think our downtown will fit some niche markets and specialty needs in the community and in the Upstate — drawing people who don't live here into our downtown."

When PC students mingle with year-round Clintonians, they usually do so quietly and unassumingly.

Student Volunteer Services has matched students with service opportunities in the city for more than 35 years — today touching such areas as the Big Brother/Big Sister program, tutoring, nursing home visits, and Special Olympics.

PC students annually assist Laurens County School District 56 as student teachers, gaining practical classroom and one-on-one experience while enlightening local children.

The CHAMPS program brings local students to campus each summer, allowing PC students to interact with them as mentors.

David Lindsay knows there are more opportunities.

Shortly after joining the PC community as chaplain last fall, Lindsay began meeting with a small group of students who sought to further strengthen the town and gown relationship.

Those meetings turned into a journey of faith as the idea for a community coffee house emerged. With economic development already underway downtown — and because it is a central point in the community — that district was seen as an ideal location.

The journey led them to local attorney and PC alumnus Sandy Cruickshanks '70, whose downtown law office faces Broad Street.

"We had a great conversation with him. He talked sentimentally, almost wistfully, about how it used to be when students would go downtown — when there were things to draw them away from the campus and into the community. That was great for relationships," Lindsay said. "He very generously gave us use of the space behind his law offices rent-free. It was a very worn-down space and we had two cleaning Saturdays, but it also has a lot of potential. There are a lot of exposed brick walls and there are two big rooms.

"So the vision began enlarging. A non-profit coffee house in which the profits would be pumped back into the community is great, but we also wanted multi-use space. So in the afternoon you could have an SVS meeting there or the Boy Scouts could meet there. It could be a spot for neighborhood meetings. Students could come in and play the guitar on Tuesday nights. There are many ways to bring together people from both the town and gown parts of the relationship. It could really become a centerpiece for cultivating that relationship."

The desire for a gathering place for everyone gave the space the simple feeling of a front porch.

The name stuck.

Lindsay and his students are now hoping to make "Clinton's Front Porch" a reality.

"The front porch part came from the romantic idea that pre-TV, pre-DVD, pre-video games, cell phones, and Internet, that the front porch was an obvious bridge between all the neighborhood relationships" Lindsay said. "People used to get home from work and sit on the porch while the kids would play in the yard. They would communicate out there. It's a way to harken back to those times. Yes, it's a bit romanticized, but it's also realistic. I remember my grandfather driving me through old neighborhoods in Winston-Salem saying 'look at all these empty porches.' Street after street after street. That used to be one of the most used part of a house. Now it's just decorative.

The building at 120 Musgrove Street in Clinton still bears the signs from when it was a Rose's Department Store. The site is being renovated as 120 Musgrove, a fine dining establishment that will not only fill a need in Clinton, but also will help breathe new life into downtown Clinton.

ROSE'S
5, 10 AND 25 CENT STORES



"The Front Porch Fellowship is symbolic. It's about how we come together in this common space and what may happen."

Lindsay learns from experience. He previously served as associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S.C., where he could look just a few blocks away and see a crumbling neighborhood—the once vibrant Sterling Community and the boyhood home of Jesse Jackson.

"Because of drugs coming into the neighborhood and because of the redrawing of government lines, it fell on hard times," Lindsay said. "At Fourth Pres, just a mile and half away, we were privileged not to have those same problems. But we had as much to learn from the folks in the Sterling community as we did to give and share with them."

That recognizance gave birth to "A Day of Hope, A Day of Healing," an event to bring together men and women and boys and girls from both areas.

"We took a bus ride down to the Martin Luther King Center together so we could all learn—black and white, young and old—what that means. We wanted to learn about the experience together. We set up joint worship services," Lindsay said. "'A Day of Hope, A Day of Healing' is like a big picnic where people from all parts of the community bring food. There is all types of music—from gospel choirs to bluegrass pickin'. There are games for children. It's just a glorious moment when everyone brings themselves and their stuff and shares it. From that, many wonderful things happen throughout the year."

Lindsay recalls two elderly men from different racial and economic backgrounds meeting weekly for lunch following one of the gatherings. A young man "adopted" an elderly man from the Sterling community and now drives him to doctor's appointments and to have prescriptions filled.

"It's creating an atmosphere," Lindsay said, "where these relationships—if given the right set of conditions... well, who knows?"

Bringing together the entire Clinton community on the front porch in that same spirit has been the inspiration for Lindsay and the students.

The perspiration has been cleaning the building and seeking volunteers to assist with such internal tasks as electrical and plumbing work, as well as external tasks like marketing.

Lindsay said the Front Porch Fellowship has recently received the use of a coffee making machine and a month's worth of coffee. Furniture has been donated. Volunteers are willing to help with the building. Now he and the group are seeking investment capital.

"One of the things we've lacked is a central location for losing the spirit—the place where we can be," he said. "We're at a crossroads. We need to seek a benefactor, a philanthropist. We could have a financial crisis. We could have a road. We're at

a plateau and trying to decide what will get us to the next level.

"I think the Front Porch Fellowship model has the potential to be something really exciting—and in many ways it already is. It's opening a lot of avenues and I'm looking forward to see what might evolve. To get to the next plateau is going to take something significant, but I think we'll find it."

Lindsay estimates that gifts totaling \$20,000 would open the facility's doors to the community. Another significant investment, he said, must come from the community.

"The key part is that the Clinton community must have invested in the vision as the PC community. If it's just members of the PC community with the idea and hoping that they'll buy into it after we've done it all... that's not the best way to build a partnership."

Fifty yards away from the coffee house, hammers continue their pounding as 120 Musgrove draws one nail closer to its opening.

Lindsay smiles as he thinks about the differences in the construction projects—an upscale restaurant and an eclectic coffee house. Differences, yes, but both ready to make a difference in the revitalization of Clinton and the town and gown relationship.

Just as has happened in the Sterling community, if given the right set of conditions... who knows?

"I suppose there is some irony there, but it may become sort of a beautiful symbiotic relationship. If someone is waiting for reservations (at 120 Musgrove), they could walk down and get a cup of coffee. I would hope that the two would feed and nurture each other," Lindsay said. "Clearly there will be a big difference as far as look and feel, but I hope someone would walk out of the restaurant and look 50 yards down the street to where a PC student is playing the guitar or the piano—or maybe it's storyteller night."

"I think there will be something for everyone at Clinton's Front Porch. That's the beauty of it—that everyone will be welcome on that porch."

For some, realizing the changes that are taking place in Clinton—and the renewed partnership between the city and the college—warrants a light bulb over their head.

As if to signify the grand scale of the strategic plan and developing master plan, they received colorful fireworks overhead.

Last October, the college's homecoming celebration and capital campaign kickoff blended almost seamlessly with the City of Clinton's sesquicentennial. One of the weekend's highlights was a massive fireworks display to recognize and celebrate the city's anniversary.

The fiery blasts fit well with the burning de-

sire of community leaders to help Clinton and PC reach their full potential—to see visions become realities.

The ties are there. Among the members of Clinton City Council are former PC security officer Eddie McGee, former PC parent Shirley Jenkins, and alumnus John Dowdle. Alumni are active on local boards and in volunteer efforts.

The college maintains close ties to the Clinton Family YMCA and shares facilities when possible.

The city has contributed to the South Atlantic Conference Spring Sports Festival that PC has hosted for the past three years.

The college invites the community to cultural and athletic events taking place on campus.

The city invited freshmen to enjoy a block party downtown as part of PC's orientation.

The college's operating budget pumps nearly \$20 million annually into the Clinton budget.

Randall brings a unique background to the partnership. He is a PC alumnus, employee, and parent, as well as a citizen and public servant for the City of Clinton. He bridges the gap between town and gown and would like to see it even closer.

"In all of those capacities, I see PC as a special place. I know many people in town who, once they've gotten involved at PC, are really taken with it. They love PC," he said. "There are others who really don't feel comfortable coming on campus, which is something I'd like to see change. I think the new football stadium will help do that because it isn't in the center of campus and it offers a friendly atmosphere."

Griffith, who has lived his entire life on college campuses, recognizes the divide that exists between a percentage of the population of any town and nearby colleges or universities. He also has a desire to break down the perceptions that some in the Clinton community may have about PC.

"Some of it has to do with the fact that it's higher education and that a significant portion of any population doesn't aspire to higher education or hasn't been encouraged to higher education. There is this sense that higher education is elite, which carries some negative connotations," he said. "There is so much here that we eagerly want to share with people—cultural events, sporting events, art exhibits, and a whole range of things that we do here for faculty and students. We also do them for the whole community."

Bringing together the Clinton community and the college community, everyone agrees, is a step toward recognizing Clinton as a college town instead of a town with a college.

Toss out the term "college town" and you will likely evoke many different images—from ivy-covered walls to students dining in local restaurants.

Griffith and Randall believe the definition goes much farther.

"College towns have special characteristics.

They tend to be communities in which the college and the community are well entwined and mutually supportive," Griffith said. "You often see businesses picking up the theme of the college — the mascot or the colors. You see the college taking leadership roles in helping with economic development, culture, aesthetics, and with educational experiences for local citizens."

"I've been around Chapel Hill and I went to graduate school at the University of Georgia in Athens," Randall added. "A real college town is one that embraces the mission of the college and is proud to have that college in that town. We've been so centered on the textile industry for so many years, which isn't a bad thing because it's been the bread-and-butter of the community. But now that it's gone, we'll get more diverse industry and I hope people will realize that there is a population of 1,200 kids at PC who have money and live here nine months out of the year.

"In the old days, people may have thought of college students as a bunch of rich kids coming from the big city. When you really get in here and get to know these kids, you find that a lot of them come from towns like Washington, Ga. — where I came from — that's half the size of Clinton. They're just looking for a great place to live like everyone else."

When William Plumer Jacobs arrived in 1864 to pastor a small Presbyterian Church, the village that would become known as Clinton was known for "horse-racing, chicken-fighting, gander-pulling, gambling and drinking, rowdyism, brawling, and other... disorders."

In the following years, moral, social, and economic decay worsened. The streets of Clinton were filled with homeless orphans, the unemployed, and roving bands of desperate men. Robberies, murders, and lynchings were common. Educational opportunities were virtually nonexistent and, in 1870, the railroad to which Clinton owed its existence went into bankruptcy.

Today, despite recent hardships, one must wonder what Dr. Jacobs would think.

"I suspect he would be thrilled," Griffith said. "A lot of things have changed, some of which are hard to conceptualize as far as being part of what society would be focusing on. We're an integrated society that is far more cosmopolitan. So many things that changed, but the welfare of the college and the welfare of the community are entwined. He knew that and understood that. He took a very active role in encouraging the development of industry in the community here. You can see that in his diary. I think he would be so pleased that his college is interested in the community and is willing to step forward to help.

"It feels right. It feels like we're in sync and that's a wonderful feeling. What we've been doing allows different elements of the community to join hands. When we're all pulling together in the same direction you can get so much more done."

Corporation honors PC president for his role in economic development

When the Clinton Economic Development Corporation sought its first Business Person of the Year, members did not have to look far to recognize a leader who has made a rapid impact on the Clinton community.

PC President John Griffith accepted the inaugural award "in recognition of visionary leadership in economic development." The presentation was made during a ceremony on May 14 at the Darlington House.

"We looked around to see who had done more for the city, the county, and in this case, the college with the opening of Bailey Memorial Stadium and the launch of the Promise and the Challenge campaign," said Lumus Byrd, a member along with Griffith of the CEDC executive committee. "When you look around at the city and the county, it's hard to find someone who has been involved to the degree he has."

Since arriving in Clinton more than five years ago, Griffith has been an active member of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce board and has actively sought ways for the college and its personnel to support the city's revitalization efforts.

He was named to the executive committee of the Clinton Economic Development Corporation and has been among the leading fundraisers to support the city's master plan.

Russ Emerson, chairman of the Clinton Economic Development Corporation, said a better selection could not have been made.

"When I returned (to Laurens County) in 2001 after having been gone for about four years, I heard a lot about the man we're recognizing," Emerson said. "Out of my first meeting with John, I couldn't help but feel that with the things he had on his mind for the community and for the college that Clinton was going to go someplace. He's working as hard as anyone I've seen to develop the college and community relationship — making Clinton a part of the college and making the college a part of Clinton."



Michael Ivey speaks on behalf of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce as John Griffith is honored as the Clinton Economic Development Corporation's 2002 Business Person of the Year. Pictured in the center is Lumus Byrd, with whom Griffith has served on the chamber board and the executive committee of the Clinton Economic Development Corporation.



Letterman Weekend



Football lettermen pose in front of 'Cristie' the Scotsman during Letterman Weekend on campus.



Ben Morse '42 (left) enjoyed swapping stories with Dick Mersky '41.



Cally Gault '48 reminisced with Dick Weldon '52 (center) and Art Baker '53 (right).



Presbyterian College soccer team at Martin Stadium.



Women's soccer alumni and staff at Presbyterian College after a spirited game.

Strictly Alumni news

Fiscal Year Comes to an End

Summer is now in the air and the grass is green on the West Plaza. On May 10, rows of chairs were set up and a crowd of parents, family, and friends gathered to watch another group of men and women join the elite group of PC alumni.

The alumni of PC are among the many things that make PC the wonderful place that it is. They speak volumes for the work that is done here by having successful careers, being public servants, and giving back to their *alma mater*.

June 30th is an important day for PC. No, it is not an important birthday or anniversary, but the end of the fiscal year. This is that last day that we can count contributions to the Annual Fund and Scotsman Club for 2002-03. This is the last chance that you have (if you have not already) to make a gift of any size to one of three categories: Unrestricted Gifts, Current Unrestricted Scholarships and the Scotsman Club.

It does not take a large donation to make a difference. The number of alumni who participate in the Annual Fund Campaign is as important as the money raised.

PC is poised to move into a position of national prominence among liberal arts institutions. To do this, we need to improve our alumni giving percentage — we need your help.

Please use the envelope in this magazine or go online to www.presby.edu/alum/give/ and make your gift today. We can also accept gifts by bank draft. Just go to the PC website and print a bank draft (EFT) form. Then, simply fill it out and send it in to the Alumni Office with a cancelled check.

Your gift can help students; your gift can make a difference; and your gift will keep PC strong.

Alumni Encouraged to Submit Nominees for Annual Awards

Do you know a fellow Presbyterian College alumnus or alumna who is deserving of the Alumni Gold P Award? How about the Outstanding Young Alumnus/na award? Maybe the Alumni Service Award, the Dum Vivimus Servimus Award or the Honorary Alumnus Award?

If so, the Presbyterian College Alumni Association wants to hear from you.

Each year, four PC alumni are honored during Homecoming festivities for their accomplishments, competence and service.

Toby Hunter '59, the 2003 president of the PC Alumni Association, wants your input.

"The five individuals we honor each fall are most deserving, and we want to continue selecting the very best recipients," he said. "There are more than 8,000 alumni out there, and the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association needs their involvement so we continue recognizing those deserving individuals."

If you know of any person who should be considered for one of these honors, contact Randy Randall, director of alumni relations, Josh Kay, assistant director of alumni

relations, or Margaret Brown, administrative assistant, in the Alumni Office by mail, by phone at 1-800-476-7272 or (864) 833-8211, or by e-mail at Randy@presby.edu or mhbrown@presby.edu.

"All you need to do is submit the name with corresponding information for the alumni officers and directors to consider," Hunter said.

The criteria for the four awards are:

Alumni Gold P Award – Recognizing outstanding accomplishments of an alumnus/alumna in his/her chosen profession which reflect credit upon Presbyterian College.

Alumni Service Award – Recognizing outstanding service to Presbyterian College.

Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award – Recognizing an alumnus/alumna age 35 years old or younger for early competence within his/her chosen field and exceptional promise for the future.

Dum Vivimus Servimus Award – Recognizing outstanding service by an alumnus/alumna in his or her local church, civic organization, non-profit agencies, or other community endeavors that exemplifies the college's motto of "While we live, we serve."

Honorary Alumnus/Alumna Award– Recognizing a friend of Presbyterian College who did not graduate from PC but has always treated PC like his/her alma mater and has brought honor to the college in doing so.

"All too often, I think people assume a lot that the Board of Directors doesn't know," Hunter said. "But if six or eight people were to recommend the same person for one of these awards, that would certainly get our attention. It might take two or three years, because we can only honor one person at a time for each award, but we want a list of the strongest candidates possible."

Hunter added that the Alumni Office also welcomes suggestions for individuals to serve as Alumni Association Officers.

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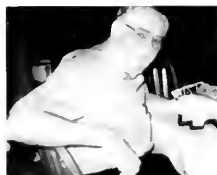
Gifts are still needed to help construct PC's Armed Forces Memorial to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom.
Call Randy Randall
at 1-800-476-7272 for
more information.

Alum

1939

Dr. David 'Mac' Morrison retired in October of 2002 after going non-stop for years as a pastor, U.S. Navy chaplain, head of a college department, seminary teacher, and head of Riverside Presbyterian School in Jacksonville, Fla.

1948



William 'Andy' Anderson, Jr. was honored by the Pennsylvania Medical Society for 50 years as a practicing physician. He graduated with a

Doctor of Medicine degree from Duke University in 1953. He is now retired and living in West Springfield, Penn., with his wife, Wanda, of 52 years.

1954

Dr. Bryan P. Edwards has been named vice president for external relations at Clayton College and State University in Morrow, Ga., after serving as dean of continuing education for seven years. In his new post, he is responsible for development, alumni relations, university relations, recruitment, and communications.

1963

Judy Bolton Jarrett Brown's artwork has been juried into the S.C. Artists' Center in Walterboro, S.C. Her works have been recently exhibited at McKenzie's in Charlotte, N.C., and she is presenting a solo exhibit at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens during the month of May.

1964

Dr. Thomas W. Currie of Isom, Kentucky has spent 34 years raising goats to donate to the Heifer Project in Harlan County, Kentucky. The project is a hunger ministry designed not only to help people around the world, but also to help people be self-sufficient by teaching them to raise the animals to their benefit. Currie has been awarded the Doermann Memorial Award for his work with the Heifer Project to help feed more than 100 people in 20 groups. He promotes the project through his 20 groups. He also

Journal hails article as 'most significant' 24 years after it was first published

Robert 'Bob' Hays' article "A Rapid Debugging Technique" has been hailed by *Technical Communication*, the journal of the International Society for Technical Communication (STC), as one of the 13 "most significant articles" in the journal's 50-year history.

Hays '47, a consultant and retired educator, wrote the article for a 1979 issue of the journal when he was professor of English at Southern Tech (now Southern Polytechnic State University). The article showed ways to find, correct, and prevent mistakes in letters, memos, reports, and proposals.

"I feel very good about it," Hays said. "I was kind of on the frontier of the profession because technical writing was fairly new at that time."

George Hayhoe, editor of *Technical Communication*, said Hays' article was selected for the honor from nearly 1,000 nominees. It will be published with the 12 other most significant articles for a 50th Anniversary issue in November. Hayhoe added that the selected articles cover a broad range of topics.

Hays retired from college teaching in 1985 as professor emeritus after winning six outstanding faculty awards and publishing four books and 150-plus articles during his distinguished career. He has since worked as a consultant and trainer, serving more than 100 clients and non-profit organizations, and has spoken at colleges from Alaska to Florida. He also has made several trips to the Middle East as a consultant.

He and his wife, the former Peggy Copeland of Clinton, reside in Marietta, Ga. The couple has three children and four grandchildren. Hays reports that he keeps in touch with Blue Hose friends Lammie Thurmond '49 and Ted Campbell '49 — his suitmates in Spencer Hall — on a weekly basis at Marietta Kiwanis Club meeting.



Robert "Bob" Hays '47

has a parade float — a truck filled with goats and children — that annually participates in the Fourth of July Parade in Montreat, N.C.

1965

The Rev. Dr. Michael E. McKenzie of Las Vegas, Nev., has been selected by the American Boychoir School in Princeton, N.J., as the outstanding graduate who personifies the ideals of the school. He was only the second graduate of the school to be so honored when *American Boychoir Notes* featured him in its December 2002 issue. "This is a once in my lifetime honor,"

Michael proudly says. "I just want to share 'MY' Boychoir School with 'MY' Presbyterian College. He auditioned for the school (then the Columbus Boychoir) 50 years ago and was a student choir director at PC during the 1961-62 year under Dr. Edouard Patte. He also sang on the album *Bless the Lord*. During the PC Choir's 1962 spring tour, it sang at the Second Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. In 1985, Michael became director of Christian Education at that church. He is a semi-retired media producer and announcer of Christian radio programs, and also owns Dateline International Broadcast Services. Michael is the proud father of four daughters and four grandchildren.

1967



E. Ray Crim, III has been promoted by Atlanta-based Arrow Exterminators, Inc. to senior vice president. Ray has been in the pest control industry since 1972 and served as vice president for Tindol Services and district operations manager for Waste Management Pest Control before joining Arrow as director of

corporate development in January, 1991, overseeing more than 40 acquisitions for Arrow in that position. Ray was named vice president of operations for Arrow's Region V (encompassing North Georgia, Tennessee, Arizona and Nevada) in 1999. Over the past 12 years, Ray has served on Arrow's insurance committee, has Chaired the Finance Committee, Arrow's Advertising Committee, and the Operations Committee. He has made numerous state and national contributions to the pest control industry and has been honored with such awards as NPCA Committeeman of the Year (1982) and the Georgia Pest Control Association's first President's Award. He is a past president and chairman of the GPCA.

1968

William F. Bassham has finished his second year as the president and chief executive officer of the Highlands (N.C.) Chamber of Commerce.

1969

David Gravely and wife, Lee, proudly announce the birth of their first grandchild, Trevor Michael Banks, Jr., last July 4. The couple also reports recently visiting New Zealand and Australia.

1973

Chaplain (Col.) **Floyd Vernon Chandler** recently completed an 11-month tour of military duty as the area support group chaplain for Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo and Macedonia. Vernon and his wife, Nataly, reside in Swansea, S.C.

1974

Deloris Sanders Mungo, Cathy Curtis Verch, Ann Fogarty Fleming, Cathy McKnight Prabhu, Sanna Kay Demilly Davis and Joan Nichols Miles held their annual reunion at Hilton Head, S.C., May 1 thru 5, 2003.

1976

Theodosia Rogers Wade received the Phi Theta Kappa Teaching Award for 2002 at Oxford College of Emory University. She teaches biology. Her husband, **William B. (Billy) Wade, Jr. '75**, is the 2003 Moderator of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (PCUSA).

1978

Robert M. (Robbie) Strickland has been promoted to senior vice president, commercial loan officer with The Palmetto Bank in Laurens, S.C. Robbie, who received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia, has been with The Palmetto Bank for three years.

1981

Navy Lt. Charles E. Crane is currently on deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to Destroyer Squadron 31, aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. Charles is one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group, which is currently on the longest deployment since the war on terrorism began. His unit has made port visits to Hong Kong, Japan, and Australia.

Jeri Parris Perkins '81 serves as pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville. The church has a wonderful Celtic Cross group. **Michael York '01** serves as mentor of the group. **Phil Perkins '82**, Jeri's husband, works as a counselor at Care South Carolina, a physician's group.

John H. White, following a 12-year ministry at Westminster Church in Greenwood, S.C., has moved to Jackson, Tenn., to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

1982



Renee Willis and Richard Beacham were married October 20, 2001 in Charlotte, N.C. In attendance were the Bailey Third West Dorm women from PC, including **Mary Carter Waldron '82, Kelly Barrett Way '82, Tracy Jones Morath '81, Jill Spotts '82, Carla McCracken Schmitt '81, Jane McMahan Parker '81, and Wendy Dempsey '82.** Since graduating from PC, this group of college friends gets together annually. Renee and Rick live in Rock Hill, S.C., and work for Bank of America in Charlotte.

1983



Michael H. Owens, a longtime assistant coach and defensive coordinator at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Ga., has been named head football coach at Peachtree Ridge High School, the new AAAAA school opening this fall in Gwinnett County. The football team will play a varsity, non-region schedule for one year before joining Region 8-AAAAA in 2004.

1984



Stephen P. Bates has joined the law firm of McAngus, Goudelock and Courie, LLC as a partner in the firm's Columbia, S.C., office. His primary practice areas include administrative law, governmental relations, election law, and local government law. Steve formerly served as chief legal counsel to South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges. He has also served as a state administrative law judge and general counsel to the Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

1986

William 'Bill' Besley and wife, Sharon, are living in Columbia, S.C., with their children **William (9)** and **Caroline (7)**. Bill is a partner in Howser, Newman and Besley Law Firm. He is an active tennis player and is current ranked #1 in South Carolina in the men's 35 and over division.

1987

Rev. Kimberly L. Hyatt is now the executive director of the Cathedral Arts Project, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing afterschool instruction in the visual and performing arts to at-risk elementary students in Duval County, Fla.

1988

Dr. Jane Hall Crawford moved in April to Scotland, where her husband, the Rev. Graham Crawford, is taking over as pastor of St. James in Lossiemouth, Moray. Jane

Paula Pace '82 humbly accepts Teacher of the Year honors

Paula Tyson Pace '82 has been named *The Clinton Chronicle's* 2003 Teacher of the Year.

A native of Clinton, she has taught at Bell Street Middle School for the past 21 years. She is known for her enthusiasm and excellent relationship with students at the school. It was these qualities for which fellow teacher Joanne Adams nominated Pace.

In her letter of nomination to the newspaper Adams noted, "Mrs. Pace motivates each and every student, from the gifted child to the challenged student. She is more than a teacher. She is an educator."

Pace attributes her joy for teaching and love of reading to her experiences at Presbyterian College.

"My experience at PC was a very rewarding one," she said. "My education advisor, Dr. Dottie Brandt, instilled in me early on the importance of reading to children and having children read for their own enjoyment."

As a seventh grade language arts teacher, Pace makes students her priority. From arriving at work as early as 7 a.m. to help students with homework to dressing up in costume for school spirit

days, Pace is committed to her involvement with her students.

Pace is not only an exceptional teacher, but is also a model student. She attends graduate courses two nights a week as she works to complete her master's degree in language arts and to meet the requirements for the federal No Child Left Behind Law.

Pace is also no stranger to awards. A former student nominated her last year for the "Who's

Who Among American Teachers 2002." However, she knows that the reward of teaching and the true test of her acumen are the students who leave her classroom each year.

"You like to be recognized, but you don't teach to be recognized," she said. "Our job is to teach kids, not to get accolades."



Paula Pace was honored this spring as *The Clinton Chronicle's* 2003 Teacher of the Year.

will be taking exams for licensure as a physician in the United Kingdom.

1989

Gregory has been chosen as a shareholder in the firm of White and White, now known as White, Gregory and White. The firm, South Carolina's largest environmental consulting firm, is based in Columbia and has six offices throughout the state. Danny is active in several professional and several environmental organizations.

Lisa Traynham Nelson and husband, Ron, are proud parents of a daughter, Audra Leigh, born December 12, 2002. The family resides in Matthews, N.C.

1990

Michelle Wilson Angelini and husband, Anthony, welcomed their second child, Jennifer Ashley, born May 10, 2002. Jennifer joins big brother James, who is two. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom, while Anthony is president and chief operating officer of Zomax, Inc. The family resides in Los Altos, Calif.

Derinda (Dodie) Fambrough Bishop '90 and Barry J. Bishop '88 welcomed their fourth child, Sawyer Wells Bishop, on January 2, 2003. He has a sister, Corinn (9), and two brothers, Maverick (8) and Hudson (5). The family resides in Greenwood, S.C., where Barry is a supervisor at Beverage Air and Dodie is a stay-at-home mom.

Heather Whitley Finley has joined Medical Services of America — a comprehensive home health care provider — as the marketing director and account executive for Horry and Georgetown counties in South Carolina. Heather is based out of the in-care office in Myrtle Beach.

Harold Nichols is the offensive coordinator for the University of Rhode Island football team. He and wife, Dee, have three children: daughter Cassie Lynn (4), son Cameron Jackson (2), and daughter Corey Mae (2).

1991



Mary Emily Deal O'Bradovich and husband, Greg, announce the birth of their daughter and first child, Rosemily Alena, born October 2, 2002. Mary Emily is the chair of the theatre department at Piedmont College. Greg is a patent attorney with the firm, Hinkle and O'Bradovich in Lawrenceville, Ga. The family resides in Lula, Ga.

Greg J. Tallant and wife, Emily, were blessed by a second child, James Carter Tallant, born April 20, 2002. He enjoys big brother Andrew in the Tallant family.

Arthur Dodson 'Dodd' Wood, III and wife, Tammy, announce the birth of their son, Arthur Dodson Wood IV on March 22, 2002. The couple also has a daughter, Emily. Dodd is employed at Wood Insulating Company. The family resides in Belton, S.C.

1992

William Walter Bedingfield, Jr. '92 and Shannon Dare Wilkins were married on May 3, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Barnwell, S.C. The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Greensboro College of Nursing and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program. She is employed by Capital Anesthesia in Columbia. The groom is employed by Bose Corporation in Columbia.



Courtney Jones Howard and husband, Jamie, expanded their family in 2002 when son Christopher Howard was born. The couple also has an older son, Jaycee Howard. The family resides in Northglenn, Colo.



Nicole Frankovich Peters and **Timothy J. Peters** have welcomed a second daughter to their family.

Margot Alden Peters was born on September 25, 2002. Tim is a special education teacher, while Nicci recently left her job as a seventh grade teacher to stay at home with Margot and older daughter Josie. The family resides in Stockbridge, Ga.



Jodie Will Zwerner and husband Brian are the proud parents of a son, Alexander Blake Zwerner, born February 14, 2002.

Jodie is enjoying her new role as full-time mom, while Brian is a managing director of Global Derivatives Trading with Bank of America. The family is enjoying their recent transfer to London, England.

1993

Tara Lawrence Bailey and husband, Jim, announce the birth of a second daughter, Rebecca Lea Bailey, born July 27, 2002. Big sister, Ann Elizabeth, is three years old. Tara is currently enjoying staying at home with the girls. The family lives in Summerville, S.C.

Tracy Kurasaka Brundage and **Paul Winston Brundage** have moved to Passaic, N.J., where Tracy, after completing her MLS, is working as the Children's/YA Librarian for the Cedar Grove Free Public Library in Cedar Grove, N.J. Paul is the sales manager for AnythingIT based in Fort Lee, N.J.

John E. Reeves (Jay) Jr. and wife, Anna, celebrated son Trupp's (John E. Reeves, III) second birthday on May 8, 2003. The family resides in Elgin, S.C., where Jay is self-employed and Anna teaches at Blythewood Middle School.

Stephen C. West and wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of a son, Stephen Clyburn West IV, on April 1, 2003. The family resides in Columbia, S.C., where Stephen is a financial advisor with Legg-Mason and Jennifer is an attorney with Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough.

1994

Leslie Barron Chambers and **Harold Algenon Rose, Jr.** were married on February 8, 2003, at Christ Episcopal Church in Greenville, S.C. The bride is a human resources administrator with Christ Episcopal Church. The groom is a construction manager with United Methodist Relief Center. The couple will reside in North Charleston.

Laney Wilkie Elmore and husband, Brad, enjoyed a special Christmas when they welcomed a son, Luke Buchanan Elmore, on December 25, 2002. The family resides in Greensboro, N.C.

Amy Kimball Kilgore and **Sid N. Kilgore '92**, announce the birth of their second child and daughter, Caroline, in May 2002. The family resides in Atlanta, Ga.



How lasting are PC friendships? For the past 12 years, a group of 20 college friends have been traveling to the coast of South Carolina for an annual golf trip. Although group members currently live in seven different states, they put their professional lives on hold the weekend before Thanksgiving and make their way to the coast for the reunion. "We actually started doing this while at PC," said Glenn Austell '93 of Lubbock, Texas. "It's a life-giving deal for all of us." Pictured at the most recent gathering are David Dacio, Nate Helms '91, Beho Norman '95, Austell, David Aucremann '92, and Ed Sweeney '91.

Edward H. (Ted) Pitts, Jr. received the Certified Commercial Investment Member designation by the Commercial Investment Institute. He is a real estate broker and sales agent with Grubb and Ellis/Wilson Kibler. He is also a state representative for House District 69 in Lexington, S.C.

Sonja 'Sunny' Walker moved to Sumter, S.C., in May 2002. She is now teaching LD/EMD Resource at Sumter High School and is a co-sponsor of the National Honor Society. She also plays in the Sumter Community Band and is organist at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Summerton, S.C.

1995

Ann Williamson Dodd and William Anton Schuh were married on November 16, 2002, at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga. Catherine Hodges Long and Kate Hartman Batson served as matrons of honor. Ann is a second grade teacher at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian School. William, a graduate of Dartmouth College, is an analyst with the Internal Revenue Service. The couple lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Christie Sweeny Gravelly and husband, Edward Gravelly, have been blessed with the birth of a daughter, Leighton Christina, on February 17, 2003. The family resides in Columbia, S.C.

Lisa Testa Scarboro and husband, Stacey, celebrated the birth of their first child, Thomas Daniel Scarboro, on May 17, 2002. The family lives in Claxton, Ga., where Stacey works as an engineer with Bell South and Lisa enjoys being a stay-at-home mother.

Amy Morris Smoak and Daniel Lawrence Smoak '97 are the proud parents of Andrew Lawrence Smoak, born September 12, 2002. He is the couple's first child. Daniel and Amy reside in Thomasville, Ga., where Daniel is the associate minister at First Presbyterian Church.



Julie Kuhn Svardh and Ken Stefan Svardh '96, celebrated the birth of their first child, Andreas Joseph Svardh, on March 21, 2003. The family lives in Rome, Ga.

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Garrard Fletcher maintains PC ties across the ocean



Blackhall choir director Douglas Melluraith (left), Suzie Garrard Fletcher, and Porter Stokes, associate director of music at PC, share a smile. (Photos courtesy of Greg Fletcher)

When she graduated from PC in 1996 with a bachelor of arts degree in religion and Christian Education, the Rev. Suzie Garrard Fletcher hugged her friends and prepared to enter Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. Seven years later, she is an ordained PC(USA) minister living in Scotland with her husband, Greg. It is there that she realized that PC roots run deep and that some ties can never be broken.

By Rev. Suzie Garrard Fletcher '96

When my husband Greg and I decided to live and work abroad for a year, I never imagined that we would meet up with so many PC connections. And had someone told me that two years on, we would be planning to stay in Scotland for the foreseeable future, I would have said they were mad.

The yearning to go abroad goes back to my junior year in college. While at PC, I gave up the chance to come with some of my friends and classmates to study Christian Education in England, and deep down, regretted doing so. While doing my masters work in preparation for ordained ministry at Union-PSCE in Richmond, Va., I had the opportunity to go to Ghana in West Africa for a month, and the desire to travel more widely really hit me. But when it was initially suggested we might go and live overseas, I wasn't so sure.

Time went on and opportunities developed to the point that we decided it was "now or never." And so, we began to contact people in the Church of Scotland to see if it was possible to make arrangements to come and experience life in the "Mother Church." The very heart of Presbyterianism. The place where they

really do wear Blue Hose and kilts and play bagpipes.

A few phone calls to another American who had come to Scotland and e-mails to the minister he had worked with, and everything was sorted. All that was left was the immigration paperwork. And so, sight unseen, we arrived in Scotland in April 2001.

My first charge was as an assistant minister in a lovely coastal village, Dunbar, with a church that had previous experience with Americans fresh out of seminary or some doing a year out as part of their training. We lived in Belhaven, a conservation village, and I served in the parish church there and at Spott Church, a wee place on the hill just out of town... a church that had been standing since the 13th century. I also provided pulpit supply all over the county and was amazed at all the American and Presbyterian connections folks had.

It was during our time at Belhaven and Spott that we decided we might like to stay in Scotland a while longer. I petitioned the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and was accepted pending a 15-month period of familiarization and some additional studies. (Will I ever cease being a student?)

In the interim, I looked after the churches in Belhaven and Spott while the minister was on a three-month study



The PC Choir joined voices with the Blackhall Choir in Scotland during its spring tour in Europe.

leave exploring the history of the Christian Church. And, it was then that my sister, Ginny Garrard '04, told me that (PC's director of church relations) Bob Smith would be bringing a group from Celtic Cross over for a tour of Scotland. I was in communication with Dr. Bob and volunteered to play tour guide for them during the last part of their trip when they were visiting the East of Scotland. I also took the chance to meet up with them on their trips to Balmoral Castle, the Queen's "holiday home" in Scotland, and to St. Andrews, home of golf and a fabulous university.

While in Edinburgh, we did all the touristy things, and in East Lothian, I took them around some of the lesser-known sights (distilleries and castles included) as well as on a boat ride with thousands of birds before showing them around some of the churches in the countryside. We finished up at Belhaven Church with a sort of "farewell dinner" of typical British fare and returned them to the airport. It was a great pleasure to meet so many fellow Blue Hose and help them to make the best of their time in Scotland.

I then came back to the States for a

visit in the summer and made contact with a few of my PC friends, before returning to a new charge in the heart of Edinburgh. Not too many weeks passed before PC found me again.

I was sitting in a presbytery meeting reading my minutes when I saw a request for assistance in hosting a Presbyterian college choir from South Carolina, USA. I thought, "It must be PC!" and before I knew it I was organizing the whole Edinburgh visit. After getting in touch with the tour company, I began to correspond with (associate professor of music) Dr. Porter Stokes and the whole thing took shape from there. The concert was planned, hosts were found, arrangements made, and their arrival was eagerly anticipated by many in the church and beyond.

Following their recitals and touring "down South" (in England), most of the group arrived at Blackhall: St. Columba's Church in Edinburgh... better late than never. We found the lost car with the last few people in it, matched pairs of students up with their host families, and everyone was on their way to what was I hope an authentic and memorable Scottish experience for all.

Our crowd for tea included five of "the choir girls," plus the Stokes family, (assistant professor of music) Dr. Karen Buckland, and

my sister Ginny, who was over to visit for Spring Break. We had steak pie and chips — french fries to you — and some whisky to boot. I heard all the trials and triumphs of the trip so far, and thoroughly enjoyed the full house for dinner.

Bright and early we were up again to shuttle everyone to meet the infamous coach for a tour of Edinburgh. I was off to sort out a lost passport. We met up with the group briefly at the castle, then found a few folks out on the streets of Edinburgh, before returning home for a very quick change and trip to "the chippie" for a nutritious meal of fish and chips before heading to the church for the concert.

The PC Choir and the church choir practiced together for a matter of minutes and yet their combined efforts on a few pieces sounded absolutely brilliant. The PC Choir stunned those gathered in the church with their voices and all the hosts were very happy to have provided them with hospitality. A good time was had by all as we joined for tea and biscuits in the hall following the concert, and then those of us in the younger age group progressed to the pub for a great night out, some even going on to dance the night away in the clubs. The next morning it was farewell to one and all, as they boarded the coach for their roundabout journey through the lochs and glens to Stirling for a final concert, and then back to Glasgow for the flight home.

Since then, there have been several other American visitors to our humble abode, including a coffee break with another PC student who was studying in Wales, and we would hope the PC connection would continue as others come to visit the roots of Presbyterianism, the home of haggis, the birthplace of golf, the beauty that is Scotland.

Feel free to look us up anytime, though we hope to be moving towards the end of this year, as I will be "familiarised" and hopefully accepted into one of the almost 200 vacant charges in the Church of Scotland.

Alum



Dee Wirt Adair and Chris Adair '94 announce the birth of their first child, a son, Patrick Moncure Adair, on March 18, 2003. The

family resides in Clayton, N.C. Chris is a purchasing agent for APV Systems, and Dee is a senior accountant for Express Convenience Stores.

Suzie Garrard Fletcher enjoyed the contact she had with PC students during the Celtic Cross trip to Scotland last year and during the PC Choir's spring tour of England and Scotland. She and husband, Greg, have moved to Edinburgh, where she is working as an assistant minister in a suburban Church of Scotland congregation for a 15-month familiarization period. She will then be seeking a call to serve as a minister in Scotland. Suzie says she would love to hear from former classmates and friends: "If you ever make it to the true home of the Blue Hose, look me up!" Her address is 6/2F Lansdowne Crescent, Edinburgh, Scotland, Zip: EH125EQ.

Stewart N. Hackney and wife, Mandy, celebrated the birth of their first son, Jackson Hollis, born September 5, 2002. Stewart is employed as an oncology sales consultant for Pharmacia Oncology. Mandy is taking a year off from teaching second grade at Freeman's Mill Elementary. The family resides in Dacula, Ga.

Katherine Louise Kress and Michael Abraham Woocher were married in Atlanta, Ga., on June 1, 2002. Serving as bridesmaids were Carolyn Riek Navarro, Emily Thwaite Farmer, Kathryn Hays Ledford '97, and Elizabeth Lynn Hubbard '98. The couple resides in Atlanta, where Katherine teaches elementary school and Michael works for SunTrust Bank as a private client advisor.

1997

Lori Lesslie Alexander and Rob Alexander '96 are the proud parents of Jack Sullivan Alexander, born September 17, 2002 in Athens, Ga.



Renee Bevil Bostick and husband, Craig, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Lukas Allen Bostick, born March 7, 2003.

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Troy David Clanton and wife, Holly, were married on October 12, 2002, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, Ga. Groomsmen included Allan Parr '96 and Brian Daniels '97. Also attending were Allen and Nicole Stroud, and Amy Nunamaker '98. The couple resides in Newnan, Ga.



Amanda Coker and Robert W. Glover, Jr. were married on March 1, 2003, at the Boat Club in Bainbridge, Ga. Tricia McKay May was the

matron of honor. The couple resides in Bainbridge. Amanda is working with the City of Bainbridge as the main street and tourism director and Bob is an electrical engineer for Georgia Pacific.

Kevin Christopher Cox and wife, Heather Horsley Cox, are the proud parents of a baby girl and first child, Madelyn Sue Cox, born October 11, 2002. The family is living in Alpharetta, Ga.

The Rev. W. Gray Lesesne is the new rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Glen Rock, N.J. The congregation called Gray in January to lead them in reaching out to their growing community in the suburbs of New York City. He reports that he loves the challenge of helping a congregation redefine its mission priorities, and he credits his days in PC Bible classes under Dr. George Ramsey and Dr. Peter Hobbie for helping to define and to shape his vocational calling.



Michelle Diane Smith of Atlanta, Ga., and Robert Joseph Brown III of Malvern, Pa., were married on September 21, 2002, at Duluth United Methodist Church in Duluth, Ga. Members of the wedding party included: Kipper Edens Ackerman, Helen Weidler, and Audrey Dodd. The bride

received her master's degree in health administration from the University of Southern California in December 2002, and is currently working with Independence Blue Cross as a business analyst in Philadelphia, Pa. The groom graduated from California Western School of Law in December 2001, and is practicing in Chester County, Pa., as a criminal defense and immigration attorney. The couple resides in West Chester, Pa.



James 'Jay' Therrell, Jr., an attorney with Zimmermann, Shuffield, Kiser and Sutcliffe, P.A. in Orlando, Fla., is currently serving on the Orange County Citizen's Review Panel for Human Services. He was nominated by the Orange County Commissioner, Bob Sandler, and will serve on the panel

until 2005. In this position, Therrell and the panel will be responsible for visiting all local charitable organizations that apply for county funding and determining the allocation of earmarked funds for the various organizations.

1998

Ellie Hudson Bragan and husband, Christopher, welcomed a daughter and first child, Sarah Frances Bragan, on March 3, 2003. Sarah is the niece of Heather Bragan Oana '93, Alison Bragan '00, and Niece Bragan '04. The family resides in Lexington, S.C.

Dave Doré has left Burlington, Vt., after more than three years in the Green Mountain State. He is back in school pursuing his master's in public policy at the American University in Washington, D.C. He is also interning at the Fund for Peace in Washington.

Robb Mack has joined a small engineering company, Northern Power Systems, which uses renewable energy sources to power critical communication and monitoring systems in remote locations around the world. His role with the company is in sales/marketing and project research for the Latin American market. He also pursues opportunities in the U.S. Telecom and U.S. Military industries. Robb lives in Burlington, Vt., with his golden retriever, Roti.



Amy J. Nunamaker has joined The Gillespie Agency in Columbia, S.C., as art director. Amy is a 2002 graduate of the prestigious Portfolio Center in Atlanta, where she studied graphic design. She is also a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts. The Gillespie

Agency, a full service advertising and public relations firm, is the Midlands of South Carolina's third largest advertising and marketing firm.

Thomas P. Swift expected to graduate from Mercer Law School on May 10, 2003. He is engaged to Courtney E. Forester with the wedding set for May 17, 2003. He will begin the graduate tax program at the University of Florida in August of this year.

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Amy Rochelle Clarke and Adam T. Meador were married on December 29, 2002, at the Ryan Nicholas Inn in Simpsonville, S.C. The wedding party included **Susan Elizabeth Haynes**. Adam is a sergeant in the U.S. Army, and Amy works at Tripler Army Medical Center. The couple resides in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Natalie Elaine Clark and Jay Harden are engaged to be married on October 18, 2003. Jay is a graduate of Clemson University and is a realtor with Exit Realty in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Natalie is teaching fifth grade at Sullivan's Island Elementary on Sullivan's Island. She completed her M.Ed at Cambridge College in Boston, Mass.

J. Brandon Hylton, graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in May 2002, and is now practicing with McNair Law Firm in the firm's Anderson, S.C., office.

Shannon René Martin and Steven Ray Bruce were married December 14, 2002, at Roebuck (S.C.) Baptist Church. The bride has a degree in special education and is employed with Spartanburg School District 3. The groom, a graduate of Greenville Technical College, owns Bruce Lawn Care and Landscaping, Inc.

Louise Barron Pearce and Steven Lawrence Cruea are engaged to be married on June 21, 2003, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. The bride-elect has a degree in special education and elementary education and is currently employed by Richland Lexington School District 5 in Chapin. The groom-elect graduated from Wofford College with a degree in biology. He is a student at the USC School of Medicine.

James 'Jamie' Whitlock is attending Vermont Law School where he is pursuing his law degree. The school is located in the picturesque town of South Royalton, where besides tackling a full class load, Jamie participates in sports and music activities and downhill skiing during the winter months.

Lauren Jeanne Yates and Peter Lindley Murray, Jr., are engaged to be married June 2003 in Orlando, Fla. The bride-elect holds a B.S. degree in early childhood and elementary education. The groom-elect graduated from The Citadel with a B.S. degree in business administration and Spanish. They both live in Greenville, S.C.

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Tyler E. Bouknight and Ashley Ann Riley are engaged to be married on June 7, 2003. The bride-elect is a graduate of Lander University and is a third grade teacher at Saluda Elementary School. The groom-elect is employed with Batesburg Insurance Agency.

Kiley Ann Clary and Jack Emerson Cohoon are engaged to be married on June 21, 2003, at Cannon's Campground United Methodist Church. The bride-elect received her master's degree in music education from the University of Georgia. She is a music teacher in Edgefield County, S.C. The groom-elect, a graduate of the University of Georgia, is employed by Rhodes, Enoch and Taylor Law Firm in Augusta, Ga.

Lee Davis and **Jamie Tyler** are engaged to be married on June 7, 2003, in Summerville, S.C. Bridesmaids will include: **Mandy Tyler Barnes**, **Sally Davis '04**, **Sarah Robinson**, **Adrienne Sarrat**, **Michelle Spangler**, and **Suzanne Thomas McConnell**. Lee and Jamie are teachers in Dorchester School District 2 and will reside in North Charleston, S.C.

Melissa 'Miti' lone Hendrix and Kevin Lamar Ashley were married on December 14, 2002, at Saluda Baptist Church in Saluda, S.C. The bride is employed at Lexington School District 3 as a third grade teacher. The groom, a graduate of Piedmont Technical College, is employed by Fujifilm of Greenwood, S.C.

David M. 'Bubba' Pittman, Jr. and Jennifer Novello are engaged to be married on July 19, 2003, at Lakewood Baptist Church in Rock Hill, S.C. The bride-elect, a graduate of Winthrop University, is employed as a special education teacher at Chester Park Elementary School. The groom-elect is a special education teacher and coach at Chester High School.

Richard Brandon Roshto and Linda Mae Robinson were married on April 12, 2003, at Windsor United Methodist Church in Columbia, S.C. The bride, a graduate of Winthrop University, received her master's degree from Columbia College. She is employed by Richland School

District 2. The groom-elect is employed by O.B. One Communications.

Martha Hanna Stokes and Corrin Joseph Green are engaged to be married on June 28, 2003, at Central United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C. The bride-elect is in her second year at the USC School of Law. The groom-elect, a graduate of the University of South Carolina, is employed by McWaters, Inc. in Columbia, S.C.

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Mary Elisabeth Moore Blackburn and Keith Kirkland Wingard were married on January 23, 2003, at Dunblane Cathedral in Dunblane, Scotland. The bride is employed by Lexington Medical Center. The groom, a graduate of Clemson University with a B.S. in forest resource management, is employed by McEntire Fire Department and Ronnie Wingard Real Estate. The couple resides in Lexington, S.C.

John Richard Call and Alyson Marie Dumont were married on May 25, 2003, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Norcross, Ga. The bride holds a degree in Spanish and international trade and is working towards a master's degree in business administration at Clemson University. The groom is employed by Clemson University as a graduate assistant strength coach.

Brian Joseph Giunta and Deana Marie Smith were married on April 26, 2003, at First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, S.C. Deana is a graduate of Francis Marion University and is employed by Carolina Lifestyles in Greenville, S.C. Brian is employed by Enterprise in Greenville.

Sara D. Hopkins and Kevin E. Tyer were married on December 21, 2002. Members of the wedding party included: **Amanda Blackwell**, **Erin Cannington**, **Marisa Eller**, **Kimberly McKee**, **Janisyn Grant**, **Katie Hopkins '03**, and **Daniel Wilson**. The bride is employed by Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough

In our next issue...

One Year Later

Each year, PC sends a new class of graduates into the working world and to graduate schools. Where has the PC experience led them? In our next issue, *Presbyterian College Magazine* offers a look at the Class of 2002... one year later.

The groom is employed by Providence Presbyterian Church. The couple resides in Columbia, S.C.

Melissa A. Hydrick and Andrew A. Duer were married on December 28, 2002, at Berkeley Baptist Church in Moncks Corner, SC. The bride is a nursing student at MUSC. The groom is the associate pastor at Berkeley Baptist Church. The couple will reside in North Charleston.

Robert Lyon, director of procurement services for the South Carolina Education Lottery, was recently awarded the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification designation. A candidate must meet specific rigorous criteria established by the Universal Public Purchasing Certifications Council including current employment, education, training in purchasing related subjects, and public purchasing experience. A comprehensive examination validates the candidate's mastery of the body of knowledge required for public purchasing professionals. Rob lives in Irmo, S.C.

Margaret Glenne McMullen and Jason Smith Wortham were married in November 2002, at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Tampa, Fla. The bride is employed by Office Depot Business Services. The groom, a graduate of the University of Florida, is employed by State Farm Insurance. The couple lives in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Bearing a true blue new tattoo, Branham '03 backs PC for life

After toiling on the field and on the court, it's a special moment for college athletes when they finally earn a letter.

Sally Branham '03 (pictured at right) took that honor to a new level this spring.

Branham, captain of the Blue Hose cheerleading squad during the 2002-03 academic year, realized during the NCAA Division II Basketball Regional Tournament in Columbus, Ga., that her cheering career at PC was drawing to a close.

"I'd been saying for a couple of years that I wanted a tattoo and thought about getting the palmetto tree and moon, but getting a tattoo is illegal in South Carolina," Branham said. "So, while we were already in Georgia for the basketball tournament, I made my boyfriend pull over."

As the Blue Hose chased a spot in the tournament's "elite eight" and with her four years at PC coming to an end in May, Branham worked up the courage to earn her letter.

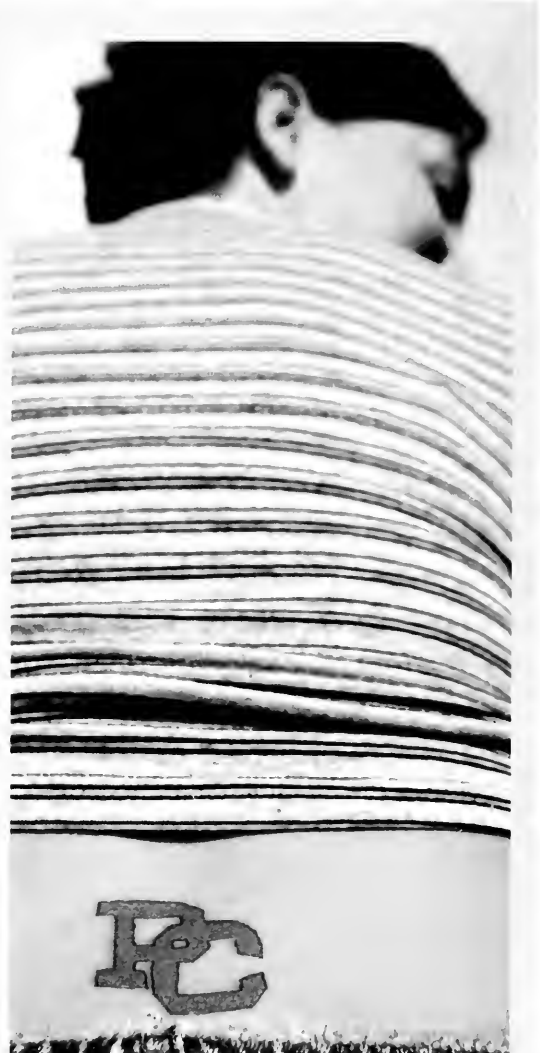
No palmetto tree. No crescent moon. This was a matter of alumni pride. She is, after all, the daughter of loyal PC alumnus Sonny King.

"It was on a whim. I was wearing a PC pullover and it had the interlocking PC and realized that I wanted that. It meant something special to me and I felt like I earned it after four years and graduating," she said.

Twenty painful minutes later, Branham bore the Block PC athletic mark on the small of her back. Having endured the tattoo artists' needles, she prepared to be needed by her friends on campus.

"The response was everything from 'Are you crazy?' to 'Is it real?' 'Cause it's so blue," Branham recalled. "There have been a wide variety of responses, but most people like it. Alumni pride doesn't get any stronger than this."

There can be no doubt now that Branham will always back the Blue Hose. "I know that PC will forever be a part of her. But she draws the letter in Georgia to add the trademark to the tattooed logo. It's a little different, but it's enough. This is it," she said. "I had to cheer for the Blue Hose. My boyfriend was rubbing on it. I paid the price."



2002

Lauren E. Anderson accepted a position last October as a therapeutic assistant with the S.C. Department of Mental Health at the Greenville Mental Health Center. She is working with Mental Illness Management Services (MIMS) for adults with chronic mental illness.

Todd Cunningham, one of the top quarterbacks in the history of Blue Hose football, has returned to PC as the team's quarterbacks coach.

"We are very excited to add a person of Todd's caliber to our staff," Blue Hose head coach Tommy Spangler said. "Todd brings a great winning tradition to our staff from his time as a player and he has a unique insight into how our offense works from a player's standpoint. He will be able to relay that experience to our quarterbacks next season."

Cunningham quarterbacked PC teams from 1998-2001, leading the Blue Hose to a 30-13 overall record. During his senior season, he set South Atlantic Conference records for pass completions, total offense per game, passing yards per game, and touchdowns responsible. He holds conference single-game records for passing yards, pass completions, and total offense.

The 2001 South Carolina Co-Amateur Male Athlete of the Year and a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy, Cunningham finished his career as the all-time NCAA Division II leader in total offense with 11,578 yards.

Pam Schell is completing her first year of teaching and is now looking forward to moving to a new school. This fall, she will teach first grade at Sycamore Elementary in Buford, Ga.

2003

Kurt Ryan Hitzeman and **Andrea Nicole Littlejohn** were married on April 20, 2003, at Mon-Aetna Baptist Church in Union, S.C. The bride attended PC for two years in pre-pharmacy and is currently attending the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy. She is employed by Wal-Mart in Laurens, S.C. as a corporate pharmacy intern. The groom graduated from PC in May with a B.A. in political science and will enter the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the University of South Carolina this fall.

Emmy Margaret Smith and **Clifton Russell McKinney '00** were married on December 28, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Jedburg, S.C. The bride completed coursework in early December at PC and formally graduated summa cum laude with her class on May 10. She is working on a master's degree in applied mathematics at the University of South Carolina. The groom is a published author and a former golf pro. He is employed with the Darlington County School District. The couple will reside in Camden, S.C.

Linzie Meredith Steele and **Gregory Deon Batchelor** are engaged to be married on June 21, 2003, at Lakeview Baptist Church in Hartsville, S.C. The bride-elect graduated from PC on May 10 with a degree in business administration. The groom-elect, a graduate of Coker College with a degree in chemistry, received his master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is employed with First Baptist Church in Bishopville, S.C.

In Memory of...

Billy S. Kee '40 of Taylors, S.C., died May 3, 2003, at the age of 84.

As a student at PC, he earned letters in football, boxing, and track and field. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and was a longtime class agent. He also was a recipient of the PC Alumni Service Award.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant in 1945. He earned his masters degree in education from Springfield College and began a career as a teacher, coach, and administrator in Greenville County. He retired in 1981 as the principal of Alexander Elementary School.

Daniel McDonald Roberts '43 of Orangeburg, S.C., died April 22, 2003, at the age of 79. He was a vice president of the development for the Presbyterian Homes of South Carolina after a career in retail sales. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in World War II and the Korean War. He also served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church.

John Ralph Sease '53 of White Rock, S.C., died April 7, 2003, at the age of 71.

A native of Clinton, he was a warrant officer in the

S.C. Army National Guard for 20 years and a certified property and casualty underwriter and a certified life underwriter for South Carolina.

Marcus L. Coleman '55 of Spartanburg, S.C., died March 1, 2003, at the age of 70. A native of Greenville County, he was a co-owner and operator of Armstrong Supply Corp. for more than 20 years.

Roger Malcolm "Mac" Copeland, Sr. '61 of Athens, Ga., died April 8, 2003, at the age of 64. As a student at PC, he was named Little All-American in the 1960 Tangerine Bowl, and was a member of Kappa Alpha. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves and was retired from the University of Georgia Adult Education, where he was the conference coordinator.

Mildred Boozer Bowers, former director of food service at Presbyterian College, died Sept. 30, 2002, at the age of 91. She was a resident of the Presbyterian Home in Clinton.

A native of Newberry, she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School, served on the Church Council and was a member of the choir. She also was a member of the Eastern Star and VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her son, William P. Bowers '55.


Francine Kay Sherman, former adjunct member of the Presbyterian College music department, died May 2, 2003, at the age of 43.

A native of Gainesville, Fla., Sherman joined the PC faculty in 1992 teaching the French horn and directing the college's horn ensemble.

She was a graduate of South Plantation High School and Cleveland Institute of Music, and received her doctorate degree in performance and pedagogy for the horn from the University of Oklahoma.

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Column

Workplace offers window to the campus

Behind my desk on the second floor of the Smith Administration Building is a window that overlooks Presbyterian College's West Plaza. Beyond a doubt, it is the nicest view from my immediate workplace environment I've ever been afforded. Of course, it's also late spring, so I don't have to tell you how splendid the view is from here.

In addition to being a beautiful sight, my window to the campus also provides a very apt personal metaphor.

When I first came to Laurens County in 1988 it was to take a position as a staff writer with *The Laurens County Advertiser*. I was but a few years out of Erskine College, so I still thought I knew everything.

It didn't take me long before an assignment brought me to Clinton (by the way, I went to school with a guy who graduated from Thornwell, so I knew how to get here and how to pronounce it — Clinton, that is) and Presbyterian College. It also didn't take long to discover what a gem this place is.

One of my earliest impressions of PC came from attending a cultural enrichment program — a troupe of Chinese acrobats, as I recall. It was amazing — not only the performance itself but the fact that this small liberal arts college was opening a window to the world in this mostly-rural community. Even lecture events, which some of my comrades shunned, were newsworthy in my opinion because they offered readers a glimpse past the county line.

On more than one occasion, I would attend and write stories about an entire Arnold Symposium in part to introduce the community to people they may never have met or heard otherwise — but also to examine and develop my own voice as a member of the media.

I also got the opportunity to write stories about the college itself. When Dave Gillespie, Jim Skinner, and Dean Thompson earned South Carolina Professor of the Year honors three years running during the last decade, I got to sit down and interview them and be awed by their knowledge, their passion for teaching, and their commitment to Presbyterian College. I wrote a story on Bob Hudson's research on mussels. I was there when CHAMPS was unveiled. And I've taken pictures of lots of bagpipes.

I learned early on during my time at *The Advertiser* that I don't just work in Laurens County. I live here. I have a stake in what goes on here. Laurens County's prosperity and my own are linked — as linked as the college's is to the community that surrounds it. And, so, long before I came to work for Presbyterian College, I felt a kinship with and ownership of the institution because it really is *our* college, even for those of us who have never taken a class here or paid a dime of tuition.

That makes you alumni an envied bunch. You own a piece of Presbyterian College that even the community can't have. You have experienced Presbyterian College as only students can.

I can't help but think about you this time of year, as the aforementioned bagpipes are heard on the West Plaza in early May. I understand that I share some of the same college experiences that seem to be universal for all college students. Study sessions that transform into philosophical debates. Late night visits to all-night diners. Classes — and professors — you will never forget. But you should know that there are more things that so many of you have experienced here at PC that are uniquely PC. Neville Hall. Blue Hose. A soccer field named after the setting of a popular television western. Whatever you remember most, I hope you grabbed all of it with both hands while you were a student here and I hope you never let go.

I guess you can tell by now that I like working at PC. It really is a special place. I am very fortunate; I got to take a good, long look through a clear window to PC long before I ever considered becoming a member of its staff. I always appreciated what I saw. Now I'm sitting inside, looking out that window to you and others who have Presbyterian College in common.

I can tell you firsthand now — the view from here is mighty fine.

Hal Milam

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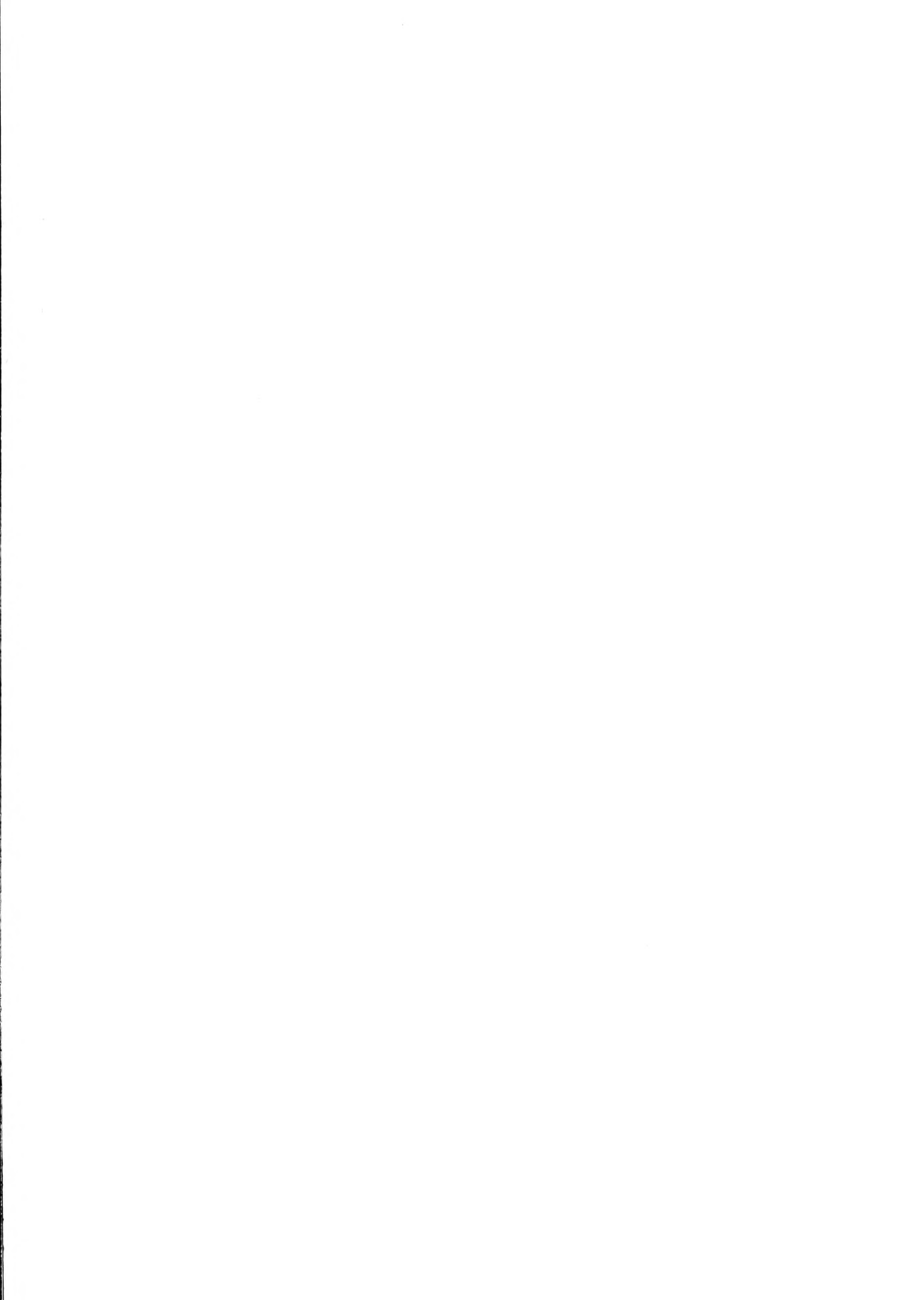


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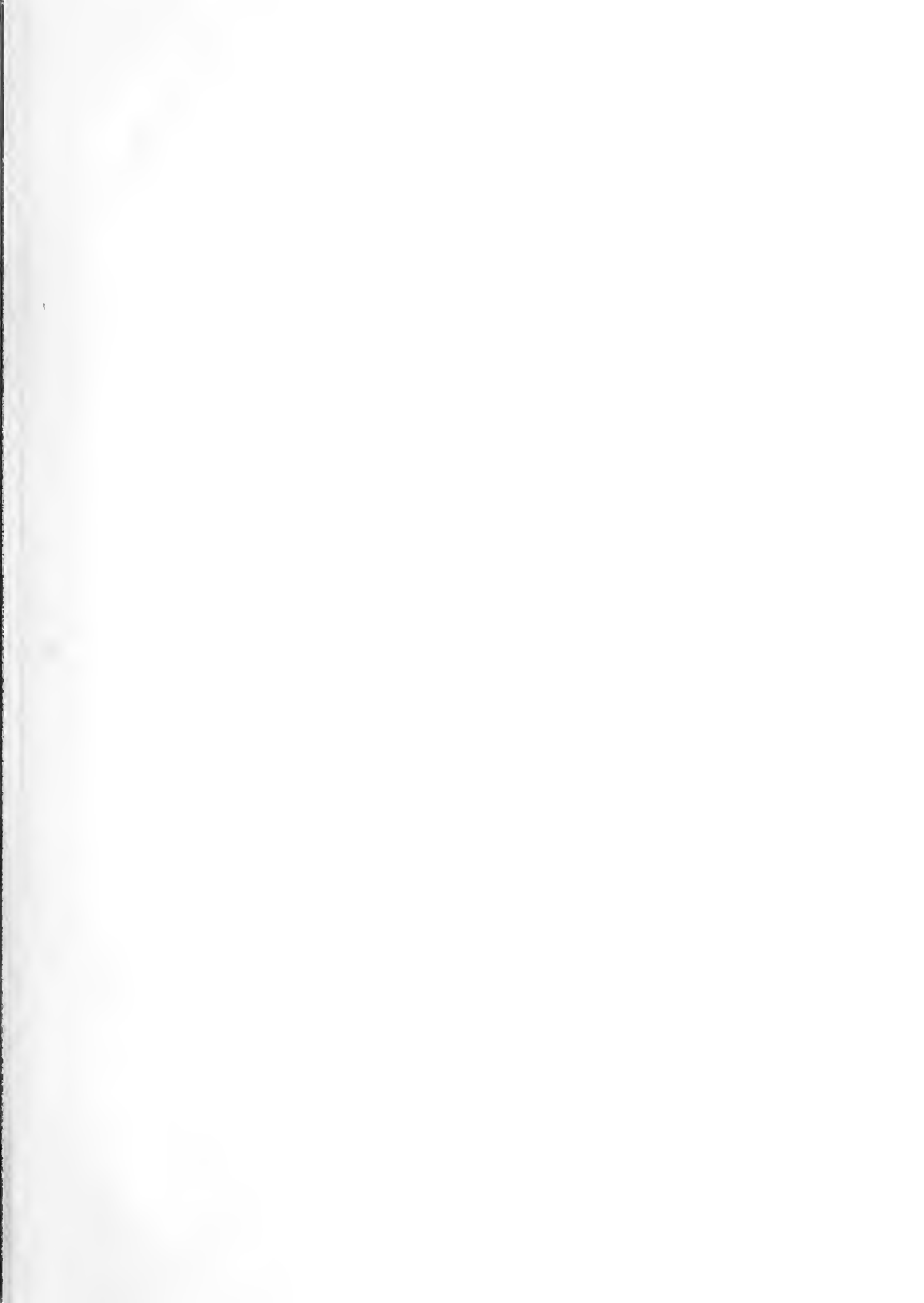
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